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TENDENCY TO MINIMISE PALOS SEIZURE REPORTED IN BERLIN

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ACT IS REJECTED

Congressmen Barred From Participation In May Festivities

NO DISCOURTESY TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING

Faizpur, To-day.

The National Congress passed a resolution rejecting the Government of India Act of 1935 and reiterating the demand for a constituent assembly to be elected by adult suffrage for the purpose of drafting a new constitution.

The question of acceptance of office by Congressmen will be decided after the provincial elections.

The resolution declaring that Congressmen cannot participate in any celebrations that might be held in India in connection with His Majesty the King's Coronation was passed by the Congress, though it was made clear that the resolution was in no way intended to express ill-will or discourtesy to His Majesty's person.—Reuter.

CORONATION PREPARATIONS

London, To-day.—The Office of Works will take possession of Westminster Abbey next week with a view to the preparation for the Coronation ceremony in May. The Abbey will be re-opened to the public in August.—British Wireless Service.

THE KING'S SHOOTING PARTY

London, To-day: At Sandringham the Queen Mother is slowly recovering from the cold which kept her indoors throughout Christmas. His Majesty the King spent the day with a shooting party, including His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Athlone. The Queen and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose joined the party for a picnic lunch.—British Wireless Service.

MEDITERRANEAN QUESTION

Soviet Warns Britain Regarding Italy

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Moscow, To-day.

Britain's tendency to submit to "Fascist policy" is regretted by the Soviet press in long articles dealing with the negotiations going on between Britain and Italy.

Britain is warned that any agreement on the important Mediterranean question would be to the advantage of Italy, and that Britain's recognition of Italy as a Mediterranean Power would mean the end of her undisputed control of the Mediterranean routes.

It is declared that the Anglo-Italian agreement must be based on no uncertain foundations as it would otherwise be liable to be upset by many eventualities.—Trans-Ocean Service.

SOVIET-RUSSIAN NATIONALS BARRED ENTRY

Lisbon, To-day.—According to an order issued by the Ministry for Colonies, Soviet-Russian nationals will not be allowed to enter Portuguese colonies in the future.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DISPLAY OF FORCE UNLIKELY

BASQUE GOVERNMENT EXPLANATION

SPANISH PRIMATES REPORT

Bayonne, To-day.

A representative of the Basque Government made a formal statement yesterday to the effect that the German steamer Palos, which was seized by Government warships on Christmas Eve, contained contraband war materials.

The German captain when hailed refused to disclose the nature of the cargo he was carrying and destroyed certain compromising documents before the Palos arrived at Bilbao.—Reuter.

Berlin: Evidence that Germany is hoping to settle the Palos affair without display of force is forthcoming from official circles. No fresh warships have been despatched to Spain and, in strong contrast to the statements made on Saturday, there is now a disposition to minimise the affair.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London: The transference of the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia is due to the fact that there seems to be no early prospect of the return of the Spanish Government to Madrid and as a result Mr. G. A. D. Ogilvie-Forbes, the British Charge d'Affaires, is not in a good position to maintain a close contact with the important political authorities. Moreover, the measures to supply the staff with the necessary provisions has become increasingly difficult.

As regards the voluntary relief organisations, it is pointed out that Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes will be able to visit Madrid periodically to give the necessary assistance.

Avila: Monsigneur Goma, Primate in Spain and Archbishop of Toledo, has returned here from Rome, where he was twice received by His Holiness the Pope. The Primate is reported to have declared that 10 bishops and 5,000 priests, from a total of 35,000, have been killed since the outbreak of the civil war.—Reuter.

THE POPE'S CONDITION UNCHANGED

Vatican City, To-day.—The condition of His Holiness the Pope is unchanged. He is still suffering from intermittent pains in the leg due to the fact that the ulcers are not responding to treatment.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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"Delivered To Wrong Address"

REPRESENTATIONS TO GERMANY

Berlin, To-day.

The Anglo-French representations regarding non-intervention in Spain was characterised in an official commentary as a diplomatic note "delivered to the wrong address," it being pointed out that Germany made the first far-reaching proposals regarding volunteers but the success of her efforts was sabotaged from the beginning by the attitude of the Soviet and leading French circles.

It was added that the damage caused by this attitude can scarcely be repaired by belated diplomatic activity. It seems unlikely that an immediate reply will be given to the Anglo-French ques-

tions which the spokesman described as "not entirely simple."—Reuter.

NO ITALIAN REPLY

Rome: The Italian Government so far has not replied to the Anglo-French Notes on the question of participation of foreign volunteers in the Spanish civil war, according to a statement from authoritative quarters which adds that the date when the reply will be given has not yet been fixed as the Notes in question have to be thoroughly examined before the official Italian attitude can be ascertained.

All that is known here so far of the contents of the Notes is the meagre information that is gathered in the British press reports. Italian press comments are to the effect that Italy will be willing to participate in the efforts to bring about a relaxation of the European tension only on condition that this is not done at Germany's expense. It is further added that Italy is determined to pursue the policy outlined by her Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, on his recent visit to Berlin, when he made it clear that he considered the fight against Bolshevism the most important problem to be dealt with.—Trans-Ocean Service.

U.S. Planes For Spain

LICENCE FOR FIRST SHIPMENT GRANTED BY GOVT.

Washington: A licence for the first shipment of aeroplanes from the United States to the Spanish Government since the outbreak of the civil war has been granted to a firm of aircraft brokers. The total value of the shipment is about \$500,000.

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King Zogu To Wed Hungarian Countess?

Budapest, To-day.—King Achmed Zogu I of Albania has become engaged to the Hungarian Countess Hanna Mikas, according to rumours in circulation here.

The Countess, who has been living in Rome for some time, arrived here by plane on Monday but refused to deny or confirm the rumours, merely stating that she "could not say anything on the subject. The matter has not reached the official stage, anyhow, and vice-

you will not hear anything from me regarding the affair."

Countess Hanna Mikas, who is the 18-year-old daughter of the late Count Armin Mikas, is regarded as one of the outstanding beauties in Hungarian aristocracy and is very popular. Her father, who died a few years ago, was one of the wealthiest landowners in the country.

King Zogu I, it will be recalled, celebrated his 41st birthday on October 8, last.—Trans-Ocean Service.



Preparing Madrid's defences against the expected insurgent advance, these soldiers are seen digging trenches on the outskirts of the city. All the while rebel planes were roaring overhead.

AIRLINER CRASHES IN STORM

Twelve Reported Killed

Los Angeles, To-day.—Twelve are reported to have been killed when a giant airliner crashed in a storm on the mountainside 20 miles from the Burbank Airport.—Reuter.

10,000,000 GUILDERS AS GIFT!

Sir Henry Deterding's Generosity

GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST WELFARE ASSN. RECIPIENTS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Amsterdam, To-day.

A present of 10,000,000 guilders is to be made to the German National Socialist Welfare Association by Sir Henry Deterding, who recently resigned as General Director of the Royal Shell concern, according to unconfirmed reports received here.

The donation is to be in the form of agricultural and dairy products, which will be bought in Holland in order to further Dutch agriculture, and it is further stated that Sir Henry has already established numbers of purchasing offices in Holland under the direction of Dr. Van Dijk M.D., who is also in charge of the German estates belonging to Sir Henry.

It will be remembered that Sir Henry recently married a German lady.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Amsterdam: Sir Henry's gift, according to press reports, is only the first step in an extensive plan for the promotion of closer relations between Western European countries.—Trans-Ocean Service.

THE RETURN OF PROSPERITY

Christmas In Britain

London, To-day.

Christmas traffic both through the Post Office and on the railways exceeded even the expectations of the officials, who were prepared for large increases on last year's figures in view of the many signs of greater prosperity.

In two days the Post Office delivered 200,000,000 letters, while deliveries of parcels on Christmas Day were 75 per cent. greater than last year.—British Wireless Service.

FINAL EDITION

ANXIETY IN PALESTINE

New Uprising Feared Imminent

REVOLUTIONARY FUND NOW TOTALS \$25,000

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

London, To-day.

Considerable anxiety regarding the situation in Palestine is felt in informed circles following reports from Jerusalem that further disorders are imminent.

The subterranean tension prevailing in mandatory districts is constantly on the increase owing to the frequent acts of pillage committed by guerrilla bands in the vicinity of Jerusalem. According to these reports, suspicion is expressed that the money stolen by bandits during raids is finding its way into a revolutionary fund, which is said to already total \$25,000, sterling. The fund in question—so reports state—is to be used for financing Arab Nationalists during new disorders after the termination of the orange harvest.

According to other reports, another factor which is contributing to accentuate uneasiness is the mysterious escape of several Arab leaders from concentration camps.—Trans-Ocean Service.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. G. Davies, who is attached to Hong Kong Police Headquarters, and Miss Margaret Downey Green Russell, of No. 11, Bayview Mansions, Causeway Bay, has been announced.

NAVAL PROGRAMME FACES SETBACK

GRAVE LABOUR UNREST IN FRENCH SHIPYARDS

Paris, To-day.

Another setback threatens France's naval programme in the shape of a serious labour conflict in the shipyards involving over 12,000 men. A meeting called for to-night is expected to denounce the recent labour contract owing to the rise in the cost of living, and to demand a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

A dispute has also arisen in the famous Penhoel yard, where the liner Normandie was built. In view of the introduction of the 40-hour week, employers declined to give any extra holidays for Christmas and the New Year.—Reuter.

SHENSI REBELS TO FACE MILITARY TRIBUNAL

GENERALISSIMO GOING TO NATIVE DISTRICT TO ATTEND BROTHER'S FUNERAL

Canton, To-day.

Owing to the indisposition of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the meeting of the Central Executive Committee, arranged to be held yesterday morning, was postponed.

As for the punishments to be meted out to the rebels in the Shensi revolt, it is learned that a number of the members of the Military Affairs Commission will be appointed to form a special military court to deal with the matter. The rebel leaders Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and General Yang Fu-cheng will probably be given another chance so as to prove their loyalty to their country.

It is reported that the Generalissimo is going back to his native district, Fenghua, in Chekiang Province, to-day, to attend the funeral of his elder brother, Mr. Chiang Shih-kou, Member of the Chekiang Provincial Government and concurrently Superintendent of the Ningpo Maritime Customs. It is learned Mr. Chiang passed away at his residence in Fenghua on Sunday at 1 p.m. He was 61 years of age and is survived by one son.—Our Own Correspondent.

London: The Daily Herald

forsees Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Red armies uniting to resist Japanese pressure, in commenting on the China situation in a leading article. It goes on to say that the elements which demand active resistance to the Japanese "co-operation" are gaining.

China is to unite against a tormentor and there is at least some chance that she will succeed. If she does the whole of the eastern problem will change kaleidoscopically.—Reuter.

Chengtu Incident Settlement

Canton: It is reported that the negotiations regarding the Chengtu incident concluded in an arrangement between Ku Chung-mu, Director of the Asiatic Bureau of the Chinese Foreign Office, and Mr. Y. Suma, Secretary to the Japanese Ambassador to China. The details of the agreement have not been divulged yet.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bandits Active Again

Canton: Marshal Yen Hsi-shan, Pacification Commissioner for Shansi and Suiyuan, reported to the Nanking Government on Sunday that the Mongol-Manchurian bandits in Shantung have concentrated and that 30 more foreign planes and 20 more tanks have arrived there from Jehol during the past few days. Marshal Yen is waiting for the Central Government to say whether the Government forces should launch an offensive against the bandits in Shantung before they have time to prepare an invasion on the East of Suiyuan.—Our Own Correspondent.

RELEASE OF CHIANG TO BE CELEBRATED

Local Chinese Make Preparations

Preparations are being made by the local Chinese organisations to celebrate the release of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Providing the date to be fixed for the celebrations does not clash with a football fixture, the South China Athletic Association football ground at Caroline Hill will be available for the merry-making.

The Confucian Temple, which is close by the football ground, will be utilised at night, when the Chinese community are to be entertained by several musical dramas organised by local professional actors and actresses.

There will be a small charge for admission, but the entire proceeds will be devoted to charity.

MEDALS REWARD DAY

Mr. Lin Sen To Officiate

Canton, To-day.

The Government Medals Reward Day for 1936 will take place to-morrow at Nanking at 11 a.m., with Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the Chinese Government, presiding at the ceremony. It is learned that among those who will receive rewards are those mentioned in the lists issued on the Double Tenth and on the anniversary of the birthday of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.—Our Own Correspondent.

MR. PATRICK DUNCAN ON SHORT HOLIDAY

London, To-day: Mr. Patrick Duncan, Governor-General Designate of the Union of South Africa, arrived in London yesterday for a short holiday.—British Wireless Service.

TEMPORARY FISHERIES REGIME FOR 1937

Moscow, To-day.—The protocol for establishing a temporary fisheries regime for 1937 has been signed by the Soviet-Japanese authorities.—Reuter.



Sporting Page



MRS. NORA WILSON RETAINS LADIES' SINGLES TENNIS TITLE

L.T.A. HANDICAPPING RE-ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED NEW SCALE FOR "RABBITS"

EFFORT TO REVIVE INTEREST

(By A. WALLIS MYERS)

London, December 1.

JUDGING by the fact that three pages of the four and a half-page agenda are concerned with a revised system of handicapping in open tournaments, the delegates attending the annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association in London on Friday week will be mainly concerned with players who are termed, colloquially, "rabbits."

A "rabbit" has been defined as a player who runs for cover to escape the rainfall at a summer tournament. But this, of course, is only a pavilion joke. Many open meetings in this country owe their expansion to the support of second-class players, who could measure their zeal against opponents of a higher calibre by the application of differential odds.

The balance of power was adjusted by the handicapper: equity was provided by the system of sixths. Of recent years handicap events have waned in popularity. Entries have decreased, tournament executives have been disturbed, and the central authority has been consulted. The result is the plan which will be debated next week.

WASEDA HOCKEY TOURISTS DELAYED FIVE DAYS

All Previous Arrangements Have Been Cancelled

The Waseda University hockey team and reserves, who were expected to arrive in the Colony on the s.s. Taiyo Maru on Sunday next, will now be delayed until next Friday week.

As a result, all previous arrangements and fixtures in the Colony have been cancelled, and will be re-arranged in the very near future.

BRILLIANT FEAT

Dutch Girl Breaks Own World Record

11 SECONDS BETTER FOR 400 METRES BACK-STROKE!

Rotterdam, To-day. Miss Wilhelmina Mastenbroek, the Dutch holder of the Olympic Women's 100 and 400 Metres free-style swimming records and who was placed second in the 100 Metres Back-stroke to Miss Nida Senff (Holland), yesterday shattered her own world mark for the 400 Metres back-stroke when she clocked 5 mins. 43.8-10 secs. to clip 11 seconds off her own previous mark—Beuter.

The best time ever returned in America by a woman for the 400 Metres was 6 mins. 5.4-10 secs., by Miss Erna Kompa at Miami Springs, in 1935, while the best time for the 440 Yards record was 6 mins. 7.5-10 secs., by the same swimmer at the same time and place. Both these records were accomplished over the short-course, that is, in a 20 yards pool!

In comparison, the world's record for men over the 400 Metres back-stroke is held by the Olympic champion, Adolph Kiefer, who clocked 5 mins. 17.8-10 secs. against Japan's best at Tokyo in August of 1935, in the Japanese-American meeting at the Meiji Shrine Pool. The 440 Yards mark is held by another American and an Olympic swimmer, Albert van de Weghe, who clocked 5 mins. 32.8-10 secs. in the United States Indoor Championships. Both these were over the short course, that is a 20 yards pool.

\$1,600 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Dunlop-Southport professional golf tournament will take place from Monday, May 3, to Friday, May 7, next year for a total prize money of \$1,600.



Sun Kam-shun, left, and Tsui Ah-fai, right, both All-China World Olympic football stars, may be members of the Shanghai Interport team which will pay a visit to the Colony during the Chinese New Year holidays.

SNOW WINS SOUTHERN AREA BOXING TITLE

LEO PHILLIPS DEFEATED ON POINTS

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, December 1.

NORMAN SNOW, a Northampton boxer, won the somewhat empty title of Southern Area Welter-weight Champion when he outpointed Leo Phillips, of Birmingham, under strict championship conditions at the National Sporting Club, Earl's Court, last night.

The bout was never spectacular. Phillips, bull-necked, with close-cropped fair hair, seemed to have more ability, but he did his best work in spasms and allowed the swarthy Snow to make the running and steal the decision.

Snow, who has a fairly heavy left-hand punch, likes close-quarter exchanges, and was inclined to lean on his opponent in the very frequent spells of in-fighting.

Phillips showed that he could do well when he wished by jabbing a neat left to the face and making good use of the ring, but he was all too willing to allow Snow to get to close quarters.

Snow cautioned. Apart from this prevalence of in-fighting, there were many minor infringements of the rules to aggravate the spectator. Snow was cautioned more than once for failing to hit with the knuckle part of the glove, and he also showed a tendency to hit low with the left. Phillips, meanwhile, seemed to do his share of holding.

There was nothing outstanding in the fight; no really damaging punching, no knock-down. There was no time, either, when one man dominated the contest. Sometimes Snow would be in the lead, at other times Phillips would allow himself to cut loose and do some effective boxing to put himself ahead.

Snow is a step nearer to a meeting with Jake Kilrain, the champion, but he has already had one contest with him, in which Kilrain won on a foul.

HOME RUGBY

Barbarians Too Good For Leicester

London, To-day.

Several Rugby Union fixtures were decided yesterday, the Barbarians beating Leicester by 20 points to 5, while the Combined Fettesian-Lorettonians beat Roselyn Park by 19 points to 14.

A close game was seen when Bridgend beat Bath in an away fixture by 5 points to 3, while Old Merchant Taylors beat Bristol by 13 points to 6. Cardiff continued in winning vein when they beat the Watsonians by 10 points to 3, but Newport lost to Aberavon at home by a dropped goal.

In the remaining games, Northampton beat Moseley by 13 points to 3 and Swansea overcame the London Welsh by 21 clear points.—Reuter.

Chief fixtures at Lord's are: May 22—Test Trial Match (North v. South). June 26—England v. New Zealand (First Test Match). July 5—Oxford v. Cambridge. July 9—Eton v. Harrow. July 14—Gentlemen v. Players.

M.C.C. DRAW

Newcastle, To-day.—The M.C.C. agreed 178 for 4 in reply to the New South Wales Country XI's 184 for 4. (Beattie 124 not out).—Reuter.

MRS. DOWLING NOT FULLY RECOVERED?

ENCOUNTER ALL OVER IN 25 MINUTES

LOSER'S MANY DOUBLE-FAULTS

(By "ADREM")

MRS. Nora Wilson took exactly 25 minutes to dispose of Mrs. Dowling at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday afternoon, by scores of 6-1, 6-2, to retain her title of ladies' tennis champion of the Colony. Playing with machine-like precision, she was never seriously extended by an opponent who appeared to be still suffering from the effects of her recent illness.

The conditions were hardly ideal for tennis, an overcast sky and a strong wind making accurate play difficult. Mrs. Wilson jumped into an early lead and, relying chiefly on the mistakes of Mrs. Dowling, took the first set at 6-1.

Mrs. Dowling started strongly in the second set and, driving accurately on both hands, broke through Mrs. Wilson's service to win the first game. Thereafter her opponent was not to be denied, and her steady play, coupled with some amazing retrieving off apparent winners, completely broke up Mrs. Dowling's game. Although the latter showed a marked improvement, one felt that Mrs. Wilson was never really worried.

The whole match was fought out from the baseline. Mrs. Dowling was on the aggressive throughout and hit particularly hard on the forehand, her most effective stroke being a powerful return of service up the sideline to her opponent's backhand.

Many Double Faults

Taken all-round, however, she was most inconsistent and was never up to championship form. She served an amazing number of double-faults and never found a length with her driving, being inclined to over-hit. When she was drawn to the net, she proved weak on both her volleying and overhead and gave a most disappointing display.

Mrs. Wilson was confident and personified and gave a most convincing performance. An attacking player normally, she was content, yesterday, to stay on the baseline and wait for her opponent's mistakes. She served consistently, hit very hard on the forehand with a flat racket drive that was alternated with a heavy chop, was safe on the backhand and retrieved everything, to retain her title in the easiest possible manner.

On her showing this year, she is probably the most brilliant player ever to have held the championship, and she will be remembered as such in Hong Kong, long after her departure, a few months hence.

Lady Champions

1921. Mrs. Bowden Smith.
1922. Mrs. Armstrong.
1923. Miss P. Grace.
1924. Miss D. Ridge.
1925/26. Mrs. E. E. Tottenham.
1926/27. Miss E. L. Le.
1928. Mrs. C. P. F. James.
1929. Mrs. J. F. Kayll.
1930. Mrs. N. Wilson.
1931. Mrs. N. Wilson.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FOOTBALL

Lee Wai-tong To Make Comeback

An excellent soccer game should be witnessed on New Year's day at Caroline Hill, when the Chinese will meet the Rest of the Colony in a Charity game in aid of the fund for the Suiyuan Refugees.

The game will be featured by the return of Lee Wai-tong to the centre-forward position. This is Lee's first game since his return from Europe, and his presence in the team will prove a big attraction.

The following is the team:—Pan Ka-ying, Leung In-chun and Lee Tung-sang; Leung Wing-chai, Wong Mei-shun and Lee Kwai-sing; Tso Kwai-sing, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shui-wing, and Tay Que-ling.



Dr. A. M. Rodriguez, above, the Colony Interport hockey full-back, returned from Portugal last Sunday by the s.s. Costa Verde. He may be the solution to the coming Interport half-back problem?

MACAU GUNNERS LOSE AT SOCCER TO ENGINEERS

Forwards Lacking In Finish

LOBATO SHINES AT FULL-BACK

One of the outstanding features of yesterday's sport programme was the visit of the Macau Artillery football team, champions of the Macau League, who, in their first match in the Colony, lost to the Royal Engineers at Sookunpoo by 3 goals to 1, after being led at the interval by a solitary goal.

Both teams were evenly matched, though the visitors revealed a great weakness in front of goal. Their approach work was good, but there was not a forward who was able to shoot, so that Selleck, in the Sappers' goal, had a comfortable afternoon.

A Santos, the Macau centre-forward, displayed good ball control and was the only forward who tried to score. In spite of playing without boots in the second period he scored a good goal after accepting a pass from Assis.

Santos At Fault

Morais was the better of the two wingers, for Santos, on the left wing, lost time by not cutting in and by delay in centring. Another fault of his was his habit of lobbing towards the centre instead of sending it along the ground. Niza shone in the intermediate line and covered Brown and Howlett well, but he was uncertain in his tackling. Gomes, at right-half, was also good.

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PANDORA'S SOCCER VICTORY

Submarine Cup Win Over Rainbow

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION AT THE VALLEY

After sharing two goals at the interval, H.M.S. Pandora eventually defeated H.M.S. Rainbow by 2 goals to 1 in the semi-final round of the Submarine Shield Football Knock-out Tournament at the Valley yesterday afternoon.

The Pandora attacked consistently from the start of the game and were first to draw blood, the goal being scored by their centre-forward, Ross. Sanders, the hosts' leader, intercepting a well-placed centre from the right-wing, equalised for the Rainbow just before the interval.

Adopting the same methods of attack as in the first-half, the Pandora netted their winning goal through Ridley, who played at inside-right.

—Reuter.

TIENTSIN DECLINE SOCCER INTERPORT

Players Unable To Obtain Necessary Leave

Word had been received from the Tientsin Football Association that they are unable to accept Hong Kong's invitation to send a team to participate in the Interport games during Chinese New Year, as they find it difficult for their players to obtain the necessary leave.

ARSENAL WIN AT PRESTON

Bolton And Liverpool Fail At Home

NEWCASTLE'S FIVE GOALS IN AWAY FIXTURE

London, To-day.

The following are the results of yesterday's major League football matches:

FIRST DIVISION	
Bolton	0 M'chester U. 4
Chelsea	1 Stoke 0
Derby	3 Everton 1
Huddersfield	4 Wolves 0
Liverpool	1 W. Bromwich 2
Manchester C.	1 Grimsby 1
Middlesbrough	4 Leeds 2
Portsmouth	0 Charlton 0
Preston	1 Arsenal 1
Wednesday	0 Brentford 2
Sunderland	4 Birmingham 0

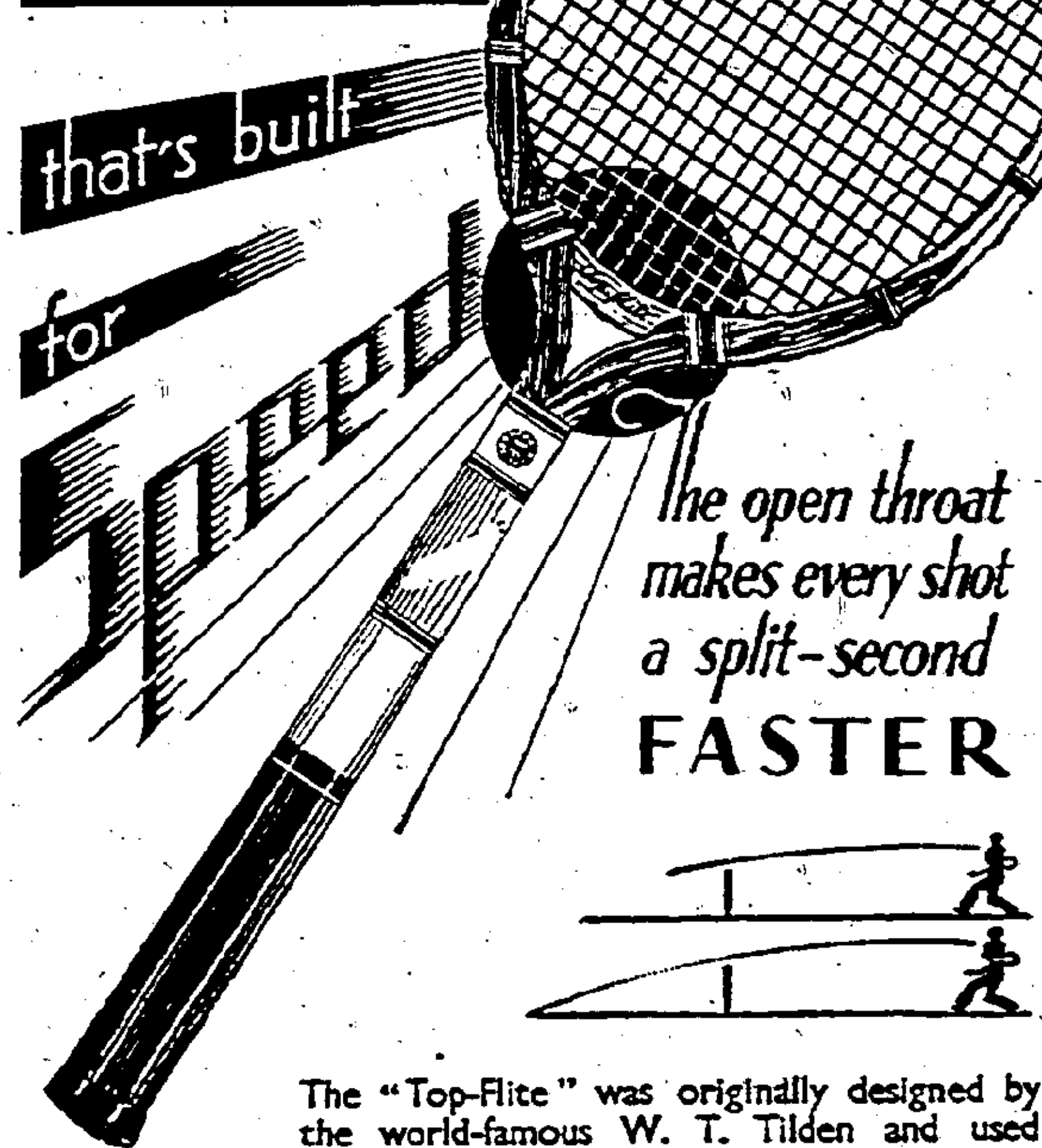
SECOND DIVISION	
Aston Villa	6 Chesterfield 2
Blackpool	3 Fulham 1
Barnsley	1 Leicester 2
Bradford C.	2 Notts. F. 1
Bury	2 Sheffield U. 0
Doncaster	2 Burnley 0
Norwich	1 Newcastle 5
Southampton	1 Coventry 1
Swansea	0 Plymouth 1
Tottenham	5 Blackburn 1
West Ham	1 Bradford 0

THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot	1 Millwall 2
Bournemouth	1 Southend 0
Bristol R.	0 Gillingham 3
Cardiff	0 Torquay 2
Clapton	2 Walsall 2
Crystal P.	1 Bristol C. 0
Exeter	0 Queen's P.R. 3
Newport	1 Northampton 3
Notts C.	2 Luton 1
Swindon	1 Reading 2
Watford	1 Brighton 0

THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Crews	2 Mansfield 1
Darlington	0 Gateshead 2
Hullfax	1 Chester 0
Hartlepool	2 York 0
Oldham	2 Carlisle 1
Port Vale	1 Accrington 1
Rotherham	3 Lincoln 1
Stockport	3 New Brighton 1
Tranmere	7 Rochdale 0
Wrexham	7 Hull 0

—Reuter.

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FLOOD-LIGHT RUGBY EXPERIMENT SUCCESS

ILFORD WANDERERS MAY SET FASHION PLAYERS CAN OBTAIN PRACTICE

WHITE-PAINTED BALL EASILY SEEN

(By HALF-BACK)

London, December 4.

THERE was a development this week which may have far-reaching effects on club Rugby in the south. I refer to the game played at Gordon-road, Ilford, on Wednesday night between Ilford Wanderers and the Old Bancroftians — by floodlight.

Flood-light Rugby, of course, is nothing new. We have had it at the White City between Rugby League clubs as a commercial proposition, but the Ilford experiment was the first between amateur sides.

The Rugby Union, I understand, gave their consent to the games being played provided the Ilford club did not arrange a regular fixture list of matches by flood-light. Mr. F. H. Kiteley, hon. secretary of the Ilford Wanderers, tells me that the object of the experiment was to prove that players could gain much valuable, and otherwise unobtainable, practice by flood-light. No gate-money was charged.

Why I suggest that this small beginning may have important results is that the experiment was a complete success. It is, I fancy, going to be difficult for the governing body to restrain clubs from playing by flood-light once its practicability has been proved.

In Five Years

"My own view," said Mr. Kiteley, "is that matches by flood-light will be a regular thing in about five years."

The matter of cost need not prove insuperable; most big firms are sufficiently enterprising to take a chance. It is certainly a fact that Wednesday's attendance at Ilford was more than five times the average. And no gate is ever charged by the Ilford Wanderers for afternoon games.

After the game the players said they were a bit bewildered for five or six minutes. After that there was no difficulty at all. The ball, painted white, could be seen easily in the set scrums and in the open.

Up In The Air

The chief lesson learned was that several additional lights should be provided to shine straight up in the air, to show the ball when it has been punted above the level of the ordinary lamps.

It was announced yesterday that H. S. Sever had had to drop out of the England team for tomorrow's Workington trial. I hope the selectors will decide to substitute E. J. Unwin, the strong-running Army and Rosslyn Park wing. He is playing in the form which earned him a trial last year.

CAMSELL FALLS AND DISLOCATES THUMB

London, December 4.—Camsell, Middlebrough's international centre-forward, may be out of the side for a month. While training at Ayrshire Park yesterday Camsell fell and dislocated a thumb. He was taken to North Riding Infirmary and was detained. This is the second time that Camsell, who has been singularly free of injuries, has injured a thumb.



H. H. Whitlock, winner of the Olympic Games 50 kilometres walk, above, recently made an appeal to the British Walking Association for more international events.

WEEK-END SOCCER PROGRAMME

S. China "B's" Return Match-With Fusiliers

The following are the local Soccer League fixtures for the week-end:—

SATURDAY	
FIRST DIVISION	
Club	EAST LANS.
Recreio	(Club, 4 p.m.)
Police	(King's Park, 4 p.m.)
Police	(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Eastern	(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
South China "B"	(Canaway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Club	FUSILIERS
Club	(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
Club	EAST LANS.
S'Cutters	(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Lyemnn	(Navy, 4 p.m.)
Lyemnn	(Engineers, 4 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Military, Happy Valley, 4 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Kowloon Chinese, 4 p.m.)
SOUTH CHINA "B"	(Fusiliers, 4 p.m.)
Club	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
Recreio	(King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
LIGA	(Air Force, 2.30 p.m.)
Medicals	(Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Medicals	(Fusiliers, 2.30 p.m.)
Medicals	(Military, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY	
St. Joseph's	(S. CHINA "A", 10 a.m.)
St. Joseph's	(Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.)
RIFLES	(Athletic, 4 p.m.)
RIFLES	(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION	
RIFLES	(Athletic, 2.30 p.m.)
RIFLES	(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
THIRD DIVISION	
St. Joseph's	(ENGINEERS, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(SERVICE CORPS, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Kummao Rifles, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(EAST LANS., 2.30 p.m.)
C. POLICE	(Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)

GLOUCESTER'S BIG DEFICIT

Goddard's Benefit
Realises £2,088

London, December 4.—Owing to the unfavourable weather for their early home matches last season, the Gloucestershire club had a serious decrease in gate money. This will not be counter-balanced by an increase of £260 in members' subscriptions.

Mr. Frank Wills, presiding over a meeting of the committee at Bristol yesterday, stated that the accounts would not be made up until December 31, but they already showed a heavy loss.

He stated that the whole of the professional staff had been offered engagements for next year. Goddard's benefit has already realised £2,088.

Lord Granard Elected New Arsenal Chairman

London, December 4.—The Earl of Granard was yesterday elected chairman of Arsenal F. C. in place of the Earl of Lonsdale, who resigned and was appointed president of the club.

This was known in the following statement issued by Arsenal F.C.: "Lord Lonsdale, in consequence of his inability to attend meetings of the Arsenal board, has reluctantly resigned from the chairmanship. The board accepted the resignation with the deepest feeling of thanks to Lord Lonsdale for the splendid services he had rendered to the club. They also unanimously elected him president, a post

LOWESTOFT'S RUGBY WIN OVER CAPETOWN

In a friendly rugby encounter at the Valley yesterday afternoon H.M.S. Lowestoft beat H.M.S. Capetown by 11 points to 9.

MACAU GUNNERS LOSE AT SOCCER TO ENGINEERS

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Lobato was easily the best back on the field. His clean kicking and timely tackling often saved his side, while his covering and anticipation was sound.

In goal, Fernandes displayed great coolness and brought off many good saves.

Brown came into the Engineers' team in place of Woods and this was the only change. Bowling, the right-back, was very sound in defence and was well aided by Coleman, and in the half-back line Dewell and Callard performed well.

Brown, at inside-right, though a hard worker, did not achieve much. He missed a "sitter" in the first half, but worried the Macau defence throughout the game. Howlett did not play his usual game. He was very casual in his efforts, though his head-work was good.

The Engineers scored in the first half through Darby. In the second-half, Silva, the right-back, in attempting to clear a high ball, kicked it against the on-rushing Brown, and the ball rebounded into the net. Darby scored the Sappers' third goal off the upright and Santos netted Macau's only point.

Macau: Artillery—Fernandes; C. de Silva and F. Lobato; A. Gomes, H. Niza and A. Silveira; Morris, Veiga, A. Santos, F. Aziz and J. Santos. R.F.—Sellick, Bowling, Colman, Wilford, Ferris, Dewell, Callard, Brown, Darby, Howlett, Greich.

JOHNNY KING'S BAD KNUCKLE INJURY

World Championship
Prospects

London, November 30.—Johnny King, of Manchester, the British bantam-weight boxing champion, is suffering from a knuckle injury to the left hand.

For this reason Mr. Harry Fleming, King's manager, is delaying his reply to the cable from Mr. Jimmy Johnston, the New York match-maker, offering King a world title fight with Sirio Escobar. "I hope to be able to cable Mr. Johnston later this week, asking for further particulars," Mr. Fleming said to-day. "There is every prospect of the match coming off."

H. K. WOLF CUBS' ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING

The Hong Kong Wolf Cubs are holding their second annual athletic meeting on the Hong Kong F.C. ground (by kind permission) to-day at 2.30 p.m. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC TO TOUR U.S.

Trip To Include Canada
In Close Season

London, December 17.—Charlton Athletic, the team which made soccer history by jumping into the First Division from the Third Division after only one year in the Second Division, to-day accepted invitations to tour the United States and Canada during the close season.

They will play twelve matches in these two countries. Charlton are at present among the leading teams in the First Division.

L.T.A. HANDICAPPING REARRANGEMENT

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and existing champions took on the smaller fry at stupendous odds, their friends sometimes speculating on the result by a private wager.

Reversion To Old System
The L.T.A. scheme of abolishing scale handicaps and increasing the chances of a poor player is really a reversion to the system which was altered by their own action a few years ago.

But tournaments and their personnel have changed, and I doubt whether the old bait will now catch the fish. Even if the demand for handicap events had not diminished by the modern trend, there is the objection that longer points mean longer matches.

The back-marker who owes 50 and gives 30 has to win six consecutive points before he can get on level terms. A single game may last an unconscionably long time. This may not matter on a private court or even at a club; it may prove a serious obstacle at an open meeting with limited courts and time, especially if rain holds up the programme.

America Without Handicaps
And are these long handicap matches, entertaining though they may be to the competitors (providing the back-markers are not thinking about their level events to follow), the best stimulant for the ambitious young player? They must inevitably encourage caution; they can scarcely feed the ardour of modern youth.

America has not handicap events at her open tournaments, and the supply of recruits to the first-class ranks is much richer over there than the supply in this country. The disparity may be due in part to school facilities; it is mainly caused, I believe, by the keener competition of level match play.

No Excuse

The truth is that, under modern conditions, handicap events may tend to depress the British standard rather than exalt it. For a young player of promise advances by contact with contemporaries of equal or superior merit. When handicap events were popular in this country—and in their proper setting they may well remain so—the opportunities for continuous practice were much less. To-day they are legion. There is really no excuse for a lack of good talent capable of defending the Davis Cup and regaining the Wightman Cup.

MINOR COUNTIES' SCORING

Bedford's Motion
Defeated

London, December 1.—A suggested change in the system of scoring in the second-class competition found little favour at yesterday's annual meeting of the Minor Counties' Cricket Association.

Bedfordshire's proposal that the points awarded for a win be increased from six to 10, as an experiment for one season, was defeated by 11 votes to five.

Mr. W. R. Franklin (Bucks) was elected as one of the association's representatives on the Advisory County Cricket Committee in place of Dr. Earl Newman.

WEEK-END GOLF RESULTS

Stubbs Shield At
Fanling

COUNTRY CLUB JUNIOR
CHAMPIONSHIP

The following were the results of the First Round matches in the Stubbs Shield of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played at Fanling over the week-end:

A.P.C. beat Government Medical Department 3 and 1.
H.M.S. Tamar had a walk-over from Linstead and Davies (scratch).

National City Bank beat Manufacturers Life.
P. and O. Bank beat Wilkinson and Grist 1 up.
Chartered Bank of India received a walk-over.

Bank Line beat Standard-Vacuum.
Davie Boag and Co. beat Chinese Maritime Customs.

Harbour Office beat Prisons Department 2 and 1.
Harry Wicking and Co. beat Dodwell and Co. 2 and 1.
P.W.D. beat Canadian Pacific 5 and 4.

Royal Artillery (Lyemnn) beat Lowe, Bingham and Matthews 3 and 2.

Education Department, Gibb Livingstone and Co., and John D. Hutchinson and Co. drew byes in the top half; and Butterfield and Swire and H.M.S. Cornflower in the bottom.

G. M. Young Cup
Two matches were played in the first round of the G. M. Young Cup, the results being as follows: Chartered Bank beat Jardine, Matheson and Co.

A.P.C. beat Linstead and Davies.
Captain's Cup (1936)
The following were the First Round results in the Captain's Cup (1936):

K. S. Robertson had a walk-over from F. M. Ellis, who was absent.
W. L. Alexander (14) beat T. R. Rowell (16) 2 and 1.

J. B. Mackie (6) beat K. K. Bounds (11) 1 up.

Country Club Results
F. J. Remedios, with a nett score of 65, qualified in the Captain's Cup at the Country Club, played over the holidays. E. Sadick, with a card of 71, also qualified.

In the Semi-Final Round of the Junior Championship, B. Basto beat C. H. Suen 3 and 2, while A. J. Kew beat A. G. Botelho 7 and 6. The Semi-Finals of the Ladies' Championship were also decided: Mrs. F. E. A. Remedios beating Mrs. A. E. H. Castro 7 and 6, and Mrs. A. J. Kew beating Miss Ablong 5 and 4.

COTTON'S GOLF ASSISTANTS
Robertson And Laidlaw To Help Him

London, December 4.—When Henry Cotton comes to his new club at Ashridge at the beginning of the year he will have as his two chief assistants, W. Robertson and W. Laidlaw.

Robertson has been described as Cotton's "mirror," and invariably before a championship Cotton plays several rounds with him. Robertson has been with Cotton at Waterloo, Belgium, for several years.

W. Laidlaw, a tall Scot, presently engaged with George Gadd at Malden, is one of the young school who has done well since coming to London from Glenageary.

HELP FOR SUSSEX CRICKET CLUB

Huge Overdraft Must
Be Cut Down

London, December 4.—Besides the voluntary reduction of salary of the Sussex players and officials, it is intended to appeal to members of the club to increase their subscriptions by 10 per cent.

In addition, Hoveham, Eastbourne, and Hastings are to be asked to forego their percentage of gate receipts for a period of three years, and the rents of all schools and clubs using the ground are to be raised by 10 per cent.

In 1935 Sussex suffered a loss of £1,500. A loss of about £2,000 in 1936 makes an approximate deficit, together with the previous overdraft, of £3,500.

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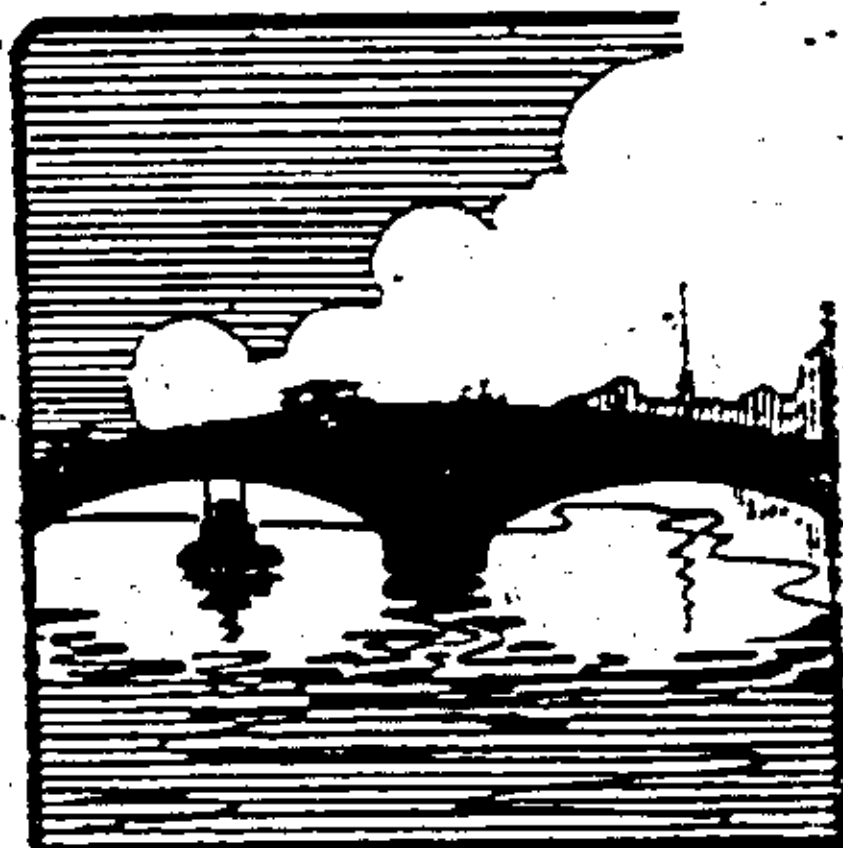
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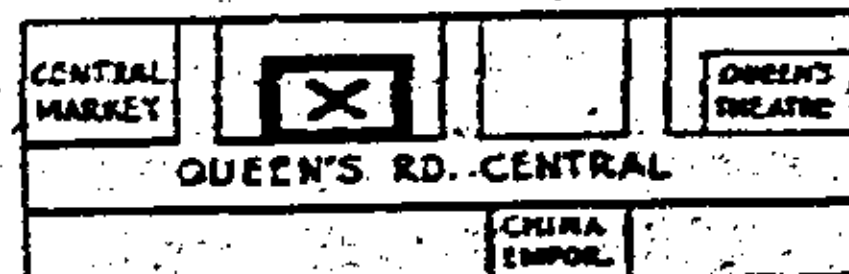
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DEATH

PITTENDRIGH. — At the War
Memorial Nursing Home, at
4 a.m. on 29th December,
1936, William Mackenzie Pit-
tendrigh. The funeral will
pass the Monument at 5 p.m.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 1936.

A Victorian Centenary

The year of King George the
Sixth's Coronation sees also the
centenary of the accession of
Queen Victoria, his great-
grandmother, who came to the
throne as a girl of eighteen and
reigned for sixty-four years.

It was in the early hours of
June 20, 1837, at Kensington
Palace, that Victoria was in-
formed of the death of her
uncle, William the Fourth, and
her accession to the throne.
The Archbishop of Canterbury
and Lord Conyngham arrived
at 5 o'clock, desiring "to see the
Queen."

"They were ushered into an
apartment," says Greville, Clerk
to the Privy Council, in his
celebrated Diary, "and in a few
minutes the door opened and
she came in wrapped in a dress-
ing-gown and with slippers on
her naked feet. Conyngham in a
few words told her their
errand, and as soon as he uttered
the words 'Your Majesty,' she
instantly put out her hand to
him, intimating that he was
to kiss hands before he proceed-
ed. He dropped on one knee,
kissed her hand, and then went
on to tell her of the late King's
death. She presented her hand
to the Archbishop, who likewise
kissed it, and when he had done
so, addressed to her a sort of
pastoral charge, which she re-
ceived graciously and then re-
tired."

Later the Queen met the
Privy Council. "Never was
anything like the first impres-
sion she produced," Greville re-
cords, "or the chorus of praise
and admiration which is raised
about her manner and be-
haviour, and certainly not with-
out justice. It was very extra-
ordinary, and something far
beyond what was looked for.
Here extreme youth and inex-
perience, and the ignorance of
the world concerning her, nat-
urally excited intense curiosity
to see how she would act on
this trying occasion, and there
was a considerable assemblage
at the Palace, notwithstanding
the short notice which was
given."

"She bowed to the Lords,
took her seat, and then read
her speech in a clear, distinct,
and audible voice, and without
any appearance of fear or em-
barrassment. She was quite
plainly dressed, and in mourn-
ing. After she had read her
speech and taken and signed
the oath for the security of the
Church of Scotland, the Privy
Councillors were sworn, the two
Royal Dukes first, by them-
selves; and as these two old
men, her uncles, knelt before
her, swearing allegiance and
kissing her hand, I saw her
blush up to the eyes, as if she
felt the contrast between their
civil and their natural relations,
and this was the only sign of
emotion which she evinced. Her
manner to them was very grace-
ful and engaging; she kissed
them both, and rose from her
chair and moved towards the
Duke of Sussex, who was far-
thest from her and too infirm
to reach her."

"She seemed rather bewildered
at the multitude of men who
were sworn, and who came one
after another to kiss her hand,
but she did not speak to any-
ing."

LAST STRONGHOLD GONE

Drug Traffickers Defeated

TURKEY'S STERN MEASURES

(By RONALD WOOLFREY)

International gangs of drug
traffickers have lost their last big
stronghold in Europe. This is
the meaning of the official an-
nouncement by the Turkish Gov-
ernment that the Malik Zafir
Laboratory at Istanbul (Constanti-
nople) has just ceased its activi-
ties. There are no longer any
laboratories or factories engaged
in the manufacture of narcotic
drugs in Turkey.

All who have followed the pro-
gress of the international cam-
paign waged by the League of
Nations will realise the signifi-
cance of this reform. After the
successful application of the 1925
Drug Convention to the countries
of Western Europe, many power-
ful drug smuggling syndicates
were smashed up and a number of
the traffickers brought to book.
Some of the leaders, however,
slipped through the police nets
and found their way to Istanbul.
Turkey was not then a member of
the League of Nations. The
criminals fondly imagined that
they had discovered a secure base
from which they could flood other
parts of the world with dangerous
drugs. Convenient sources of
supply were at hand in the drug
factories around Istanbul.

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EXPLANATIONS OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON

Columbus' Births And Burials

EVERY year between 1430 and
1435 has been claimed by
some historian as the birth year
of Columbus.

There are 15 towns in Italy
claiming the honour of having been
the great voyager's native town.
All of them display historical
houses, marked as Columbus'
"birthplace." Fourteen towns in
Portugal claim the same honour.
Columbus was first interred in
Valladolid, then in Sevilla, then
taken to Santo Domingo where he
was interred twice. From Do-
mingo (which became French) he
was taken to Havana where he
was interred twice, and in 1899,
after the Spanish-American War,
he was taken to Sevilla, where he
was interred twice.

The Red Sea Is Not Red

THE Greeks misunderstood the
original name of the sea.
Among the tribes inhabiting the
shores of the Red Sea, the Sea was
known as the Sea of Edom, in al-
lusion to the Edomites, a tribe
mentioned in the Bible. The
Greeks misunderstood the name
and translated the word Edom
which means "Red." From their
translation of the proper name
they formed the word He Eruthra
Thalassa (The Red Sea), and we
derive the name therefore from all
too zealous translation.

The Red Sea is green and blue,
but is never red.

OLD RESIDENT PASSES

Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh

The passing of Mr. William
Mackenzie Pittendrigh, at the War
Memorial Nursing Home in the
early hours of this morning, has
robbed the Colony of a very pro-
minent figure. Mr. Pittendrigh
having been in business here for
over 30 years.

Mr. Pittendrigh was of a very
likeable nature and was very
popular with his business associates
and a large circle of friends. The
funeral takes place this evening,
passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

body, nor did she make the
slightest difference in her man-
ner, or show any in her coun-
tenance, to any individual of
any rank, station, or party.
She went through the whole
ceremony, occasionally looking
at Melbourne for instruction
when she had any doubt what
to do, which hardly ever oc-
curred, and with perfect calm-
ness and self-possession, but at
the same time with a graceful
modesty and propriety particu-
larly interesting and ingratia-

Here There and Everywhere.

FLYING O.R.s

By the acquisition of Lord Lon-
donderry as President, and the
Provost, Headmaster and Sir
Harold Snagge as Vice-Presidents,
the Old Etonian Flying Club has
been greatly strengthened both
technically and in point of authori-
ty.

Three out of the four at least
have an intimate connection with
flying. Lord Londonderry, in ad-
dition to being a recent Air Min-
ister, is himself a pilot. Lord
Hugh Cecil was a lieutenant in the
R.F.C. during the war. Sir Har-
old Snagge, a fellow of Eton, is
chairman of Napiers, which
manufactures aero engines.

The club has now been in exis-
tence for three years, and has a
membership of 172. Of these 75
are flying members. It hopes to
increase its membership list with
the object, among other things, of
acquiring a new club 'plane.

BIG NEWS FROM ATHENS?

Fleet-street history is full of
stories of scoops secured by the
use of devices such as cryptic
messages quoting verses of Scrip-
ture.

It is said that the first news of
the pourparlers for peace in the
South African War was given by
the cabling of "See Genesis 8:11."
Genesis 8:11 reads, "And the
dove came in to him in the even-
ing, and, lo, in her mouth was an
olive leaf plucked off."

In view of the present troubled
state of Europe a journalist,
who is steeped in this lore, is
somewhat disconcerted by a cable
he has just received at his private
address.

This is an unsigned and whole-
ly incomprehensible message from
Athens, saying, "Close bargain
pigeons."

Your Daily Smile!

So It Is!

Little Jenny saw a dachshund. "Oh
mother," she said, "this is the kind
of dog the man on the radio sang
about."

"On the radio?"

"Yes—he said 'Get a long little
doggie.'"

Secrets
Two men had dined and wine very
well, and were walking home. Pre-
sently one of them leaned heavily on
his friend.

"Did I? You should see me now.
'D'you know," he said, with a far-

THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

PREPARING FOR GREAT MAY FESTIVAL

DUKE OF NORFOLK'S BIG TASK

ONE of the most occupied men ap-
pertaining to their respective
ranks, which are to be worn over
the usual full Court dress.

To clear up any problems aris-
ing from these directions the Earl
Marshall is displaying models, cor-
rectly dressed, at his office.
Westminster Abbey

Westminster Abbey will be closed
to the public for four and a
half months from next Monday.
The task of preparing it for the
Coronation ceremony is discharged
by His Majesty's Office of Works,
the head of which, Earl Stanhope,
First Commissioner of Works, is
another exceptionally busy man.

For the purposes of marshalling
the Coronation procession, a tem-
porary annex is to be built at the
west end of the Abbey, as was
done at the last Coronation. This
will contain a robing room, hung
with tapestries and probably de-
corated with armour from the
Tower of London.

The public will be able to see
the Abbey as arranged for the
Coronation for several weeks after
the ceremony. The building will
then be closed again until July,
while the Office of Works removes
the platform, stands and hangings.
The decoration of London in-
evitably creates a mass of work
for a great number of people. For
the most important schemes that
relate to the actual processional
route, the Office of Works and the
Westminster City Council are re-
sponsible, but the whole of London
will be gay with bunting and flow-
ers during the day, and with illu-
minations at night.

Bond Street Plans
Bond Street is one of the first
thoroughfares to announce its
corporate plans. The Bond Street
Traders' Association held a com-
petition, as the result of which
about 150 schemes were submitted.
The principal feature of the win-
ning design is a series of white
banners, each decorated with the
Plantagenet crown, and masts with
horizontal trays carrying flowers.
The entire street will be flooded.
Every city, town and village will
keep festival, and the night will
end with a chain of bonfires.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



COMPANY MEETING

Sandakan Light And Power Co., Ltd.

\$29,396 PROFIT REPORTED

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co. (1922) Ltd., was held this morning in the Head Office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building, when Mr. A. L. Shields (*ex officio*) was in the Chair and was supported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., and Mr. S. M. Churn (Directors) and Mr. A. A. Botelho (Secretary).

The following shareholders were also present: Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. A. M. Braga, Mr. F. J. Tavares, Mr. J. V. Braga, Mr. J. Toppin.

Chairman's Speech

Mr. A. L. Shields, in making his report stated:

"Prior to proceeding with the business before the Meeting, I have to record with profound regret, the death on August 13 of Mr. C. A. da Rosa, who had been on our Board since December, 1926.

"The late Mr. da Rosa's advice and experience have been of great assistance to your Board, who, together with shareholders, deeply regret his passing.

"The balance at credit of Working Account, after charging depreciation and General Managers' Commission, is HK\$29,396.26.

"Investment income at \$12,044.63 is \$1,542.11 less than last year, some of the Company's investments having in the meantime been sold.

No Longer Required

"You will also note that the account under consideration has a credit of \$2,104.00, being profit on sale of investments, and has also benefited to the extent of \$26,267.13 by the transfer of part of the investment fluctuation reserve which is no longer required.

"The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year is \$63,247.09, which deducted from the balance brought forward from last year's account, leaves the Profit and Loss Account with a debit of \$218.20.

"During the year we have to report a small increase in the number of both lighting and power units consumed, but the improvement in the Working Account over last year is largely due to the lower exchange used to convert the Sandakan figures to Hong Kong currency.

More Optimistic Feeling

"It is difficult to make any forecast about the future, but I believe there is a more optimistic feeling in British North Borneo than there has been for the past few years.

"Our Manager and Resident Engineer in Sandakan reports that the Plant and Buildings have been kept in good repair and the Plant in good running order.

"I now propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and the debit balance of \$218.20 carried forward to next year's account."

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, which were then carried unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher proposed that the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. S. M. Churn be re-elected to the Board of Directors; this was seconded by Mr. F. J. Tavares.

Mr. A. Braga proposed and Mr. J. Toppin seconded the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, as auditors for the ensuing year, at a remuneration of \$350 each.

AFRAID OF LOSING HER ARM

Woman Disappears From Hospital

Afraid that she might have to lose her arm, Mrs. Helen Rachel Burt, aged 55, of St. Augustine's-road, Camden-square, disappeared from University College Hospital last month, while waiting to see a doctor and have an X-ray examination.

The next day her body was recovered from the Thames at Chiswick.

The husband, Mr. Francis William Burt, broke down while giving evidence at the inquest held by the West Middlesex coroner. An open verdict was recorded.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The Management of the Hong Kong Hotel advises that there will be no Tea Dance in the Roof Garden next Thursday, December 31, but a Special Tea Dance will take place on Friday, January 1, when entertainment will be provided. The charge on this occasion will be \$2.00 per person.

The C.N.A.C. plane Fukien arrived from Canton at 7.25 a.m. yesterday and left at 7.50 a.m. for Shanghai. There were no passengers from Canton, but the following left for Shanghai—Miss M. Wright, (American), Miss A. V. Horn, (British), Mr. Borisenkottler, (Filipino), and Mr. Chisato Kikuchi (Japanese).

The s.s. Talamba will leave Amoy to-morrow morning for this port and is due here on Thursday morning.

The s.s. Nankin left Moji for Hong Kong on Boxing Day and is due here to-morrow morning, while the s.s. Nellore left Singapore yesterday for Hong Kong and is due here on Thursday morning.

The s.s. Talamba will leave this port at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday for Calcutta via Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang and Rangoon.

Four cases of diphtheria were reported for the 24 hours ended yesterday.

A most enjoyable party was given by Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Graves on board H.M.S. Tamar last night. Among those present were Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Sedgwick, Comdr. Boucher, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Turner, Lt.-Comdr. Woodhall, Pay Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Rump, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Peard, Captain and Mrs. Burke, Captain and Mrs. Denning, Lieut. Clarke and Miss Murrow, Mr. and Mrs. Luke, Miss Luke, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Dr. Sherry and the Rev. J. Evans.

Ranking among the finest musical entertainments of the year was the programme of orchestral music given by massed bands of the Royal Marines at the China Fleet Club last night and enjoyed by His Excellency the governor and Lady Caldecott. The distinguished patrons were escorted to their seats by His Excellency the C-in-C. Admiral Sir Charles Little, and there was a large audience of music lovers who showed great appreciation of the items rendered under the baton of Mr. R. E. Compton in a manner that must have recompensed the players for their arduous one and a half hours' work. The players were drawn from H. M. Ships Cumberland, Hermes, Dorsetshire and Herwick and totalled 56, an unusually large combination to be heard in Hong Kong.

Fourteen cases of diphtheria (eight deaths), four of enteric fever (two deaths), one of measles and 61 deaths from tuberculosis were reported for the week ended on December 26.

One case of diphtheria and two of enteric fever were reported for the 24 hours ended yesterday.

THAT HOMEWORK

Report Is Not Yet Complete

Rejoicings among the school children of England at the prospect of home work being abolished are premature.

It was said at the Board of Education offices last month that the report of the 300 Board inspectors holding the inquiry is not yet complete. The inquiry has been going on for more than a year.

A mass of evidence has been gathered showing that children in secondary schools in particular suffer from excessive homework, largely owing to the examination fetish.

SNORING IN COURT

Mr. Justice Singleton, in the King's Bench Division last month, complained of coughing in court. Later he said: "Ugh, will you kindly have removed from the court the individual who is snoring." The snorer went up to the public gallery and escorted a man out of court.

CORRESPONDENCE

Appeal For Support

(To The Editor, "China Mail")
Sir,—I beg to be allowed space in your valuable columns to inform the public that my Chamber will be holding a street sale of flowers on the 30th inst. in order to obtain the necessary funds to run our free schools. Permission for this drive has already been granted by the authorities.

I may add that the support given us by the public last year has greatly assisted us in our work of providing for the ten free schools under our aegis when lack of funds had at one time threatened their closure.

As all pupils are admitted to our schools entirely free of any charge, you will appreciate that we must depend on charitable support in some measure and to ensure the success of our drive, I hope we may rely upon your valuable assistance by affording us a little publicity in this connection.

LAU KING-TUNG,

Vice-Chairman

General Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Tung Kun District.

LIBEL ACTION BY LADY HOFER

Settlement Of Action Announced

MAYFAIR ATTACK SHE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT

Settlement of a libel action brought by Lady Ellen Millicent Louise Hofer, daughter of the Duke of Manchester and wife of an American financier, was announced to Mr. Justice Hawke in the King's Bench Division yesterday.

The defendants, Associated Sporting Press, Ltd., and Argus Press, Ltd., proprietors and printers respectively of *The Leader*, apologised for the article and agreed to pay the full costs.

Mr. Gerald Gardiner (for Lady Louise) stated that before her marriage a few months ago, she was generally known as Lady Louise Montagu. At that time there was no other person known by that name.

In the publication dated June 23, there appeared an article headed, "Mayfair Sinners Who'll Do Anything To Raise Cash." "Making Money Out Of Charity Stunts," by Lady Louise Montague.

It was an attack on the morals and habits of members of Lady Louise's own social class and purported to refer to friends and acquaintances in disparaging terms. She did not write a word of the article or know anything about it. She brought the case not to make money, but to make it plain to all the world that she had not written it and knew nothing about it.

The defendants, said they obtained the article from a press agency and published it in the honest belief that Lady Louise had written it.

The Judge agreed to the settlement.

EXTRA PAY FOR THE COASTGUARDS

Increase For All Officers

An agreement has been concluded between the Board of Trade and the Government Minor and Manipulative Grades Association as the result of which new scales of pay will operate from November 1 last for the Coastguard force.

The new scales will give station officers an increase of 4s. 4d. on the minimum and 4s. 7d. on the maximum a week, and an increase of 2s. 2d. on the minimum and 3s. 5d. on the maximum a week for coast-guardsmen.

The weekly allowance for senior coast-guardsmen is increased from 1s. 6d. to 2s. 6d.

No one who has seen the lonely and rugged spots where the watchers of our coasts keep vigil day and night will be grudge them a wage of 61s. maximum for station officers, or 54s. maximum for coast-guardsmen, especially when it is remembered that they are not pensionable.



Leon Degrelle, youthful leader of the Belgian Rex movement and known as the Belgian Hitler, was denied entry into France last month when he attempted to cross the Franco-Belgian border. He was to have addressed French Fascists.

CHINA FLEET MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. Dorsetshire Leaving For England

H. M. Sloop Sandwich left Hong Kong yesterday for Wei-Hai-Wei, while H.M.S. Dorsetshire is expected to leave the Colony next Monday for England for refit and recommissioning. It is understood that she will benefit from the same changes that have recently been completed on H.M.S. Cumberland. H.M.S. Adventure, mine-laying cruiser, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Shanghai next Saturday.

CUPID GETS HIS WAY

President's Son To Wed Opponent's Daughter

The engagement was officially announced at Wilmington, Delaware, last month of Franklin Roosevelt, the President's son, to Miss Ethel Du Pont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Du Pont.

The wedding will take place in June.

The young couple have often been seen together at undergraduate parties in recent months, and their engagement has been rumoured for some time.

It was popularly supposed that the political disagreement between the Du Pont family—powerful industrialists and manufacturers of explosives—was responsible for the postponement of the betrothal until after the United States elections were over.

The Du Pont family bitterly opposed President Roosevelt's election, and were the mainstays of the ultra-Conservative American Liberty League, which campaigned against the President for months.

The newspapers describe the engagement as the "Montagu-Capulet Romance," because of all American industrialists there are none so opposed to President Roosevelt's policies as the Du Ponts.

NO CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE

Magistrate Leaves Bench As Protest

Major Garland, presiding over a court dealing with motoring offences at Tottenham, last month left the bench in the middle of a case when a police officer said that there was no other officer to give corroborative evidence.

The case was one in which a motorist was summoned for ignoring traffic lights.

As Major Garland left the bench he said: "I shall have to leave the case to my colleague. I am not prepared to give judgment on the evidence of only one officer when the defendant pleads not guilty."

"The Act Provides"
Mr. Fred Messer, M.P. for South Tottenham, took the chair. After giving the motorist had given evidence denying the offence, Mr. Messer said that he and his colleague, Mr. A. J. Lynch, were satisfied that the

WOMAN REFUSES TO PAY FINE

Knits When She Goes To Cells

SET FREE BY BENCH'S ALTERED DECISION

When Mrs. Margaret Catherine Grace Hinman, a member of Rushlip Northwood District Council, was fined 20s at Uxbridge last month for causing an obstruction with her car in High-road, East-cote, Middlesex, she immediately asked what the alternative would be.

Mr. R. E. Robbins, the chairman: Seven days.

Mrs. Hinman, who had strongly contested the case, went down the stairs to the cells. There she spent her time knitting and writing postponing engagements. When the court rose the warrant officer intimated that the magistrates had decided not to commit her to prison but to allow her 14 days in which to pay the fine.

Husband Not To Interfere

Mrs. Hinman subsequently stated: "I am not going to pay the money and I shall be very angry if my husband pays it for me. I shall go to Holloway. Curiously enough I have been there before to give lectures. I am quite resigned. If they give me scrubbing or needlework to do I shall do it."

Mr. Hinman said, "If my wife refuses to pay the fine I most certainly will not pay it for her. She knows her own mind best."

FILM ACTRESS AND A PRINCE

Her Mother Unaware Of Any Romance

Mrs. St. John Field, mother of Miss Virginia Field, the 19-year-old, English film actress, is "in the dark" concerning a reported romance between her daughter and Prince Constantine of Liechtenstein, writes a Home correspondent.

Miss Field, who has been playing in Hollywood studios for more than a year, is now on her way to England for a brief holiday.

On reaching New York she is reported to have said: "The Prince and I met more than a year ago in Vienna. We were almost married then, but his family stopped us."

"Of course, I'm a commoner. The royal reasons against our marriage are the same as they always have been, but I love him, so I am going to see what can be done. But I'm afraid it's rather hopeless."

"Good Friends, But—"

Mrs. Field, who is the wife of Mr. St. John Field, K.C., said:

"I have known since before my daughter left England for America that she knew the Prince, and that they were good friends, but she has never given any hint to me or her father that there was anything stronger between them."

"She has not mentioned the Prince in her letters, but I learned from another source that he had been in America while my daughter was there."

"ONE OF THE FEW FAILURES"

Broke Into Houses In Four Counties

Described by the judge as "one of the comparatively few failures of the Borstal system," Frank Wilson, aged 24, a wood machinist, was sentenced at Kingston Assizes last month to nine months' hard labour for house-breaking.

Wilson admitted having broken into houses in Surrey, Kent, Berkshire, and Buckinghamshire.

He was said to have eight previous convictions.

Passing sentence, Mr. Justice MacKinnon said to Wilson: "You are one of the cases of which one almost despairs."

Case had been proved.

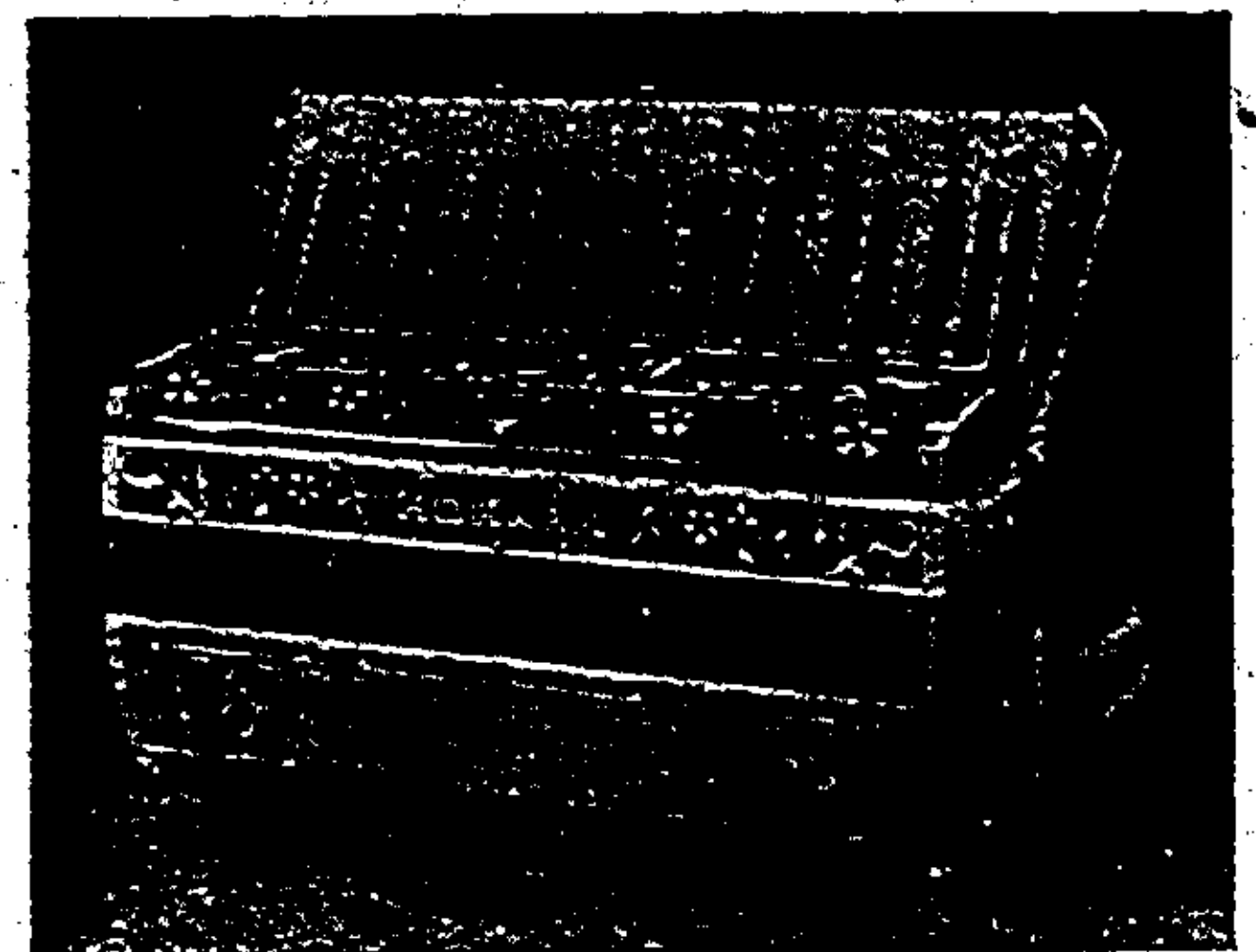
"In cases where there is no corroborative evidence," Mr. Messer added, "we are bound to take cognizance of the fact that the Act provides that such an offence may be proved without corroborative evidence."

The motorist was fined 10s.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN

Alliance Hostel
Function

SANTA CLAUS ATTENDS

Carol singing, scripture reading, and a short Christmas message, followed by a visit from Father Christmas, were among the festivities which took place on Christmas Day at the Alliance Children's Hostel for the children of missionaries at Nos. 5-7 Belfair Road, Kowloon Tong.

During the course of the Christmas service, the following carols were sung by the children: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "Oh, Come All Ye Faithful," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The New Testament Scripture Lesson, which was read by Wallace Desterhaft, was Matthew 21-23. "The Birth of Christ," a short Christmas Message was given by Gordon Loptson, one of the children of the Hostel.

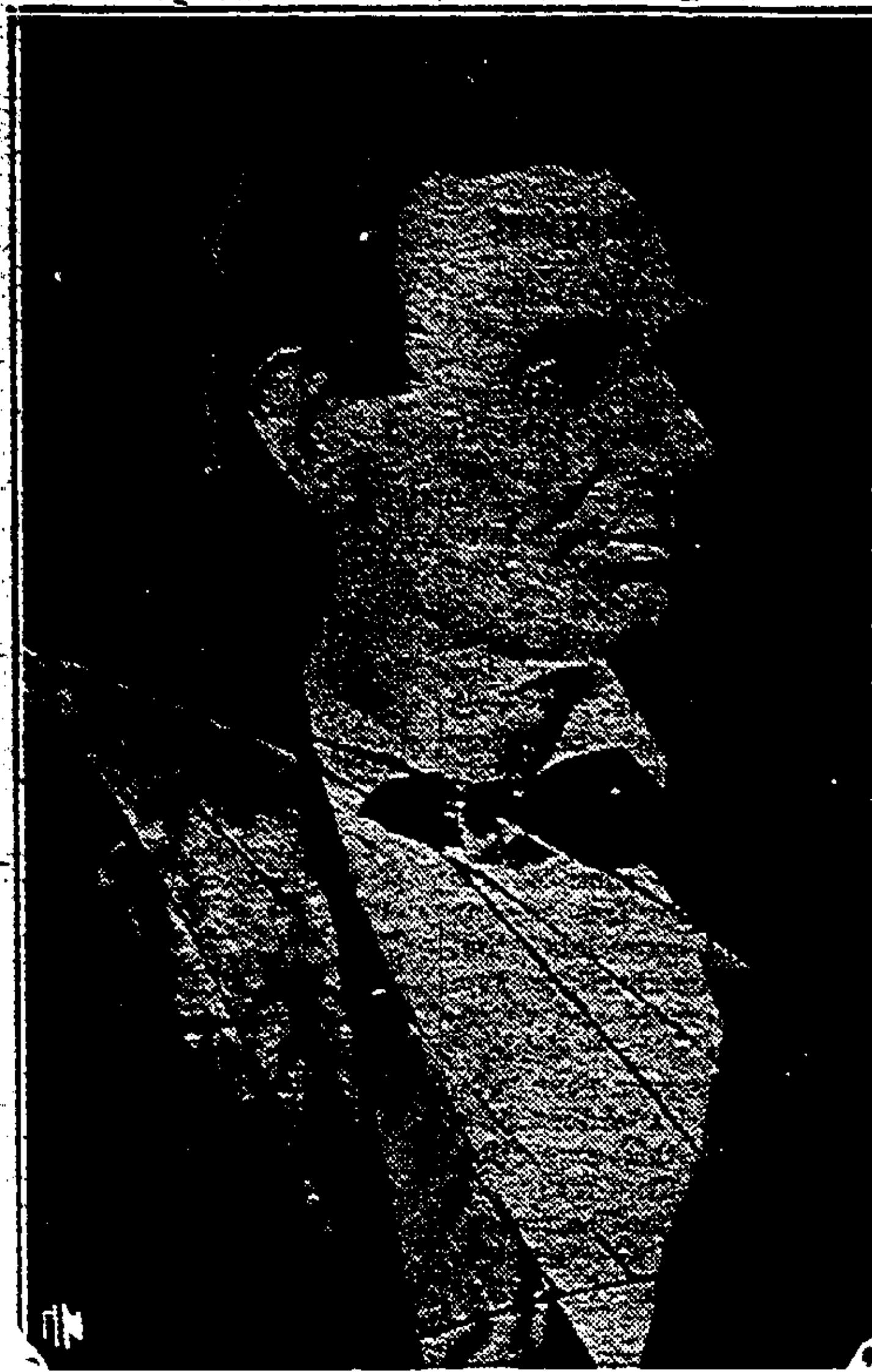
Headquarters in New York. After the meeting was over, the children adjourned to a room where Father Christmas distributed presents to all.

The Alliance Children's Hostel is for the children of missionaries who are engaged in work in South China, the Philippine Islands, and the Netherlands East Indies. The Hostel was founded in 1933. The parents of the 15 children in the Hostel are connected with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, an American mission, with headquarters in New York City. There are 500 missionaries in the various foreign fields of the world. The children of the Hostel attend the Kowloon Junior School and the Central British School.

The following children took part in the Christmas service and festivities: Ethel Edmonds, Vernon Edmonds, Grace Lang, Ruth Lang, Robert Lang, Robert Woerner, Raymond Woerner, Ruth Woerner, Gordon Loptson, Melvin Loptson, Wallace Desterhaft, Alvin Desterhaft, Harriet Bechtel, and James Aslett.—Contributed.

HERRINGS FOR ITALY

The first direct cargo of herrings from East Anglia for Italy since 1914 was loaded at Great Yarmouth last month.



The original negatives of two photographs of Abraham Lincoln have just come into the possession of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. The negatives, exposed shortly before the 1860 election, were taken by Alex. Heiler, a Chicago photographer. They were broken in shipment and lay in the post office dead letter office until they were turned over to the Smithsonian.

GARDNER SENT TO SESSIONS

No Evidence At Lower
Court Hearing

Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 48, appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on six charges of fraudulent conversion and fraudulent fixing of revenue stamps to documents. The charges were: Fraudulent conversion of the sum of \$20.60 on January 5, 1935; fraudulent fixing of two stamps to the face value of \$23 on January 5, 1935; fraudulent conversion of \$83 on April 1, 1935; fraudulent fixing of six stamps to the face value of \$26 on April 1, 1935; fraudulent conversion of \$64.60 on November 23, 1935; and fraudulent fixing of five stamps to the face value of \$65.25 on November 23, 1935.

These sums of money were given defendant by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, for the purchase of revenue stamps.

Mr. E. H. Williams, the Assistant Attorney General, conducted the prosecution, while Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., represented accused.

No opening statement was given and when the witnesses for the Crown had concluded their evidence defendant was asked if he wished to give evidence or call any witnesses. He replied in the negative in both instances and was then committed to stand his trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

LAST STRONGHOLD GONE

(Continued from Page 4)

The traffickers had reckoned without the weapon of publicity of which the League of Nations was determined to make good use. At the opium meeting at Geneva, to which Turkey had been invited to send a representative, complete evidence was produced concerning the part played by Turkey in fostering the drug traffic.

Country's Good Name. No doubt the League was helped by the fact that Turkey was ruled by a rare brand of Dictator, who more than anything else was jealous for his country's good name. When the facts had been pointed out by the League, he determined to suppress the scandal. With very little delay, Turkey accepted the League Opium Convention, and the more notorious drug factories were immediately abolished.

Kemal Ataturk's efforts at reform have been characterised by sincerity and determination. The drug traffickers always fight to the last ditch, but in this case they appear to have been completely defeated. Turkey has loyally played her part towards making the 1931 Convention on limitation of drug manufacture effective.

ARREST OF NAVY DRAUGHTSMAN

Alleged Theft Of
Silk For Ties

HOBBY OF EAST END
BARGAINING

A naval draughtsman whose hobbies were said to be cricket and bargaining in jewellery in the East End was charged at Marylebone last month with receiving 51 silk tie squares, value \$6 10s, knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

He was Edward Miller, 39, of Bertram-road, Hendon, for 18 years the hon. secretary and captain of the Stamford Hill Cricket Club.

The original charge against him was stealing from Green-croft-gardens, West Hampstead, on October 21 a car containing samples of silk to the value of £300, the property of Messrs. Sambrook, Witting and Co., tie manufacturers, Aldersgate.

That charge was dropped. Mr. E. H. Gunning, Miller's counsel, stated that if it had been persisted in Miller said he could have called 12 to 14 members of his cricket club to prove an alibi.

Woman's Suspicions

Mr. John Phipps, prosecuting, declared that on November 4 Miller called on Mrs. Victoria Maud Davies, a tie-maker, at 38, Sackville-street, W., produced a number of silk squares and asked that they should be made up into ties.

Mrs. Davies, having heard of similar material having been stolen, got into touch with Messrs. Sambrook and Witting, and it was identified as part of the property stolen from the car.

When Miller was questioned by Det-Sgt. Davies, he said he had bought the squares from a man in Wardour-street for £3 15s. He knew the man as a dealer at Aldgate, but did not know his name or address.

Subsequently he went with Sgt. Davies to Houndsditch Market and searched among the hundred or so dealers there for four hours, but could not find the man. Miller was committed to trial and allowed bail.

LOCAL ART EXHIBITION

Mr. Lau Kwan Yum, a promising local artist, is holding an exhibit of his works at the Hotel Cecil. Mr. Lau is an artist of no mean order and his work consists of oil paintings, water colour, pastel and pen-and-ink, besides a number of Chinese paintings and calligraphy. All counted, there are nearly 200 pieces on view.

Peninsula Hotel Guests

The following are guests staying at the Peninsula Hotel:

Mr. and Mrs. F. Austin, Major and Mrs. L. A. Alston, Major and Mrs. P. P. M. Anderson, and child, Comdr. and Mrs. A. Addis and child, Mr. D. Allen, Miss Adey, Miss A. S. M. Alexandra, Mrs. H. D. Bode, Miss A. M. Black, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. F. A. Berry, Mr. R. Barata, Rev. Joseph Boubee, Lt. Col. D. M. Barchard, Mr. C. A. Blum, Mrs. N. N. Blum, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Beall, and Miss, Mr. R. C. Butler, Mr. W. N. Buyer, Surg. Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. W. Brigham, and child, Dr. G. Bolin, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bryden, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. H. G. Bowerman, Mr. A. J. Campbell, Mr. W. G. Chilesen, Capt. D. C. Chopra, Mrs. J. T. Cook, Mr. G. H. Caunterley, Mr. H. M. Coleman, Mr. W. Dixon, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Doyle, Mr. R. Dormer, Major and Mrs. W. E. B. Dowling, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Durrachmidt, Capt. and Mrs. W. E. Dockworth, Major H. A. Davies, Mr. W. P. Edge, Major and Mrs. S. C. Eccles, Miss L. Evershoff, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Fleming, Mrs. F. L. Field-Hook, Mrs. E. Forber, Comdr. and Mrs. A. N. Forsyth, Mr. A. Favis, Mrs. Favis, Miss F. Favis, Miss A. Fitzgerald, Mrs. and Miss Forshaw, Major and Mrs. F. Fernandez and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, Mr. E. Hansmann, Mr. T. M. Haslering, Mr. E. L. Hoos, Mrs. D. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. "Edenroth" and child, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Harrington, Mr. H. S. Hall, Mr. G. Hawkins, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Jackson, Col. and Mrs. Crawford-Jones, Major H. H. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Jones and child, Miss Vera, Kogan, Miss M. Klamonochkov, Mr. G. Koch, Mr. G. H. Knight, Major and Mrs. D. E. W. Kirby, Mr. L. Kadeorie, Sir E. Rawoore, Col. and Mrs. E. St. G. Kirk, Miss Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Leamant, Mrs. J. H. Lock and child, Zolofar.

PRETTY KOWLOON WEDDING

Miss Jorge Marries Mr.
Albert Cross

REPULSE BAY HONEYMOON

St. Andrew's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding yesterday when Miss Louise Mary Jorge became the bride of Mr. Albert Cross, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

The church was picturesquely decorated with white chrysanthemums for the occasion. The Rev. J. R. Higgs conducted the service, whilst appropriate music was rendered on the organ by Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. Kent gave the bride away in marriage.

Ivory Chiffon Velvet. The bride wore an ivory chiffon velvet gown with a long train. Her embroidered tulle veil was caught to the head with a spray of orangeblossom. She carried a sheaf of tiny cream roses, tied with a white satin bow.

The bridesmaid, Miss Gertrude White, wore a light blue taffeta dress and carried a tight posy of orangehatched African daisies.

The two little flower girls, the Misses Doreen and Pauline Kent, wore light blue silk dresses and carried posies of shaded sweet peas.

During the service, the hymns "Lead us Heavenly Father" and "Love Divine" were sung by the congregation.

The bride's brother, Mr. Anthony Jorge, undertook the duties of best man.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at St. Andrew's Church Hall. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

LAI TO REST

Large Gathering At
Funeral

LATE MR. JORGE H. DA SILVA

A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday, of Mr. Jorge Honorio da Silva, who passed away on Sunday at the age of 81.

The Rev. Fr. Rossi conducted the service both at the Chapel and at the graveside, and the chief mourners were the five sons, Messrs. G. H. da Silva, C. G. da Silva, A. L. da Silva, G. F. da Silva and A. F. da Silva, and the grandsons, Hugo, Luis, Lionel, Henrique, Marcos, Antonio and Edmundo.

Those present included Messrs. T. Ali, C. M. S. Alves, H. A. Alves, J. M. Alves, A. V. Barnes, G. M. Butt, F. H. Carvalho, F. X. D'Almada, Snr., C. A. Franco, G. S. Gomes, A. P. Guterres, L. A. Gutierrez, Peter Leong Hing-kee, F. A. Machado, S. A. Marcal, C. E. Marques, E. Marques, J. M. Noronha, K. M. Omar, A. P. Osmund, C. H. Osmund, G. A. Pinna, S. P. Pinna, A. K. Rahumad, J. O. Bernardino, J. V. Bernardino, F. V. V. Ribeiro, J. A. V. Ribeiro, J. E. Ribeiro, J. C. Rocha, J. A. Santos, F. A. Sequeira, F. P. Sequeira, F. E. Silva, F. X. Silva, F. X. M. da Silva, J. Eca da Silva, P. M. N. da Silva, C. E. Wilson, A. M. Xavier, F. M. Xavier, H. H. Xavier, L. M. Xavier, L. V. Xavier, P. M. Xavier, R. M. Xavier, V. G. Xavier, P. A. Yvanovich, V. Yvanovich, and many others.

Amongst the large number of floral tributes were those from "Antonio and Family," "Arthur, Mary and Family."

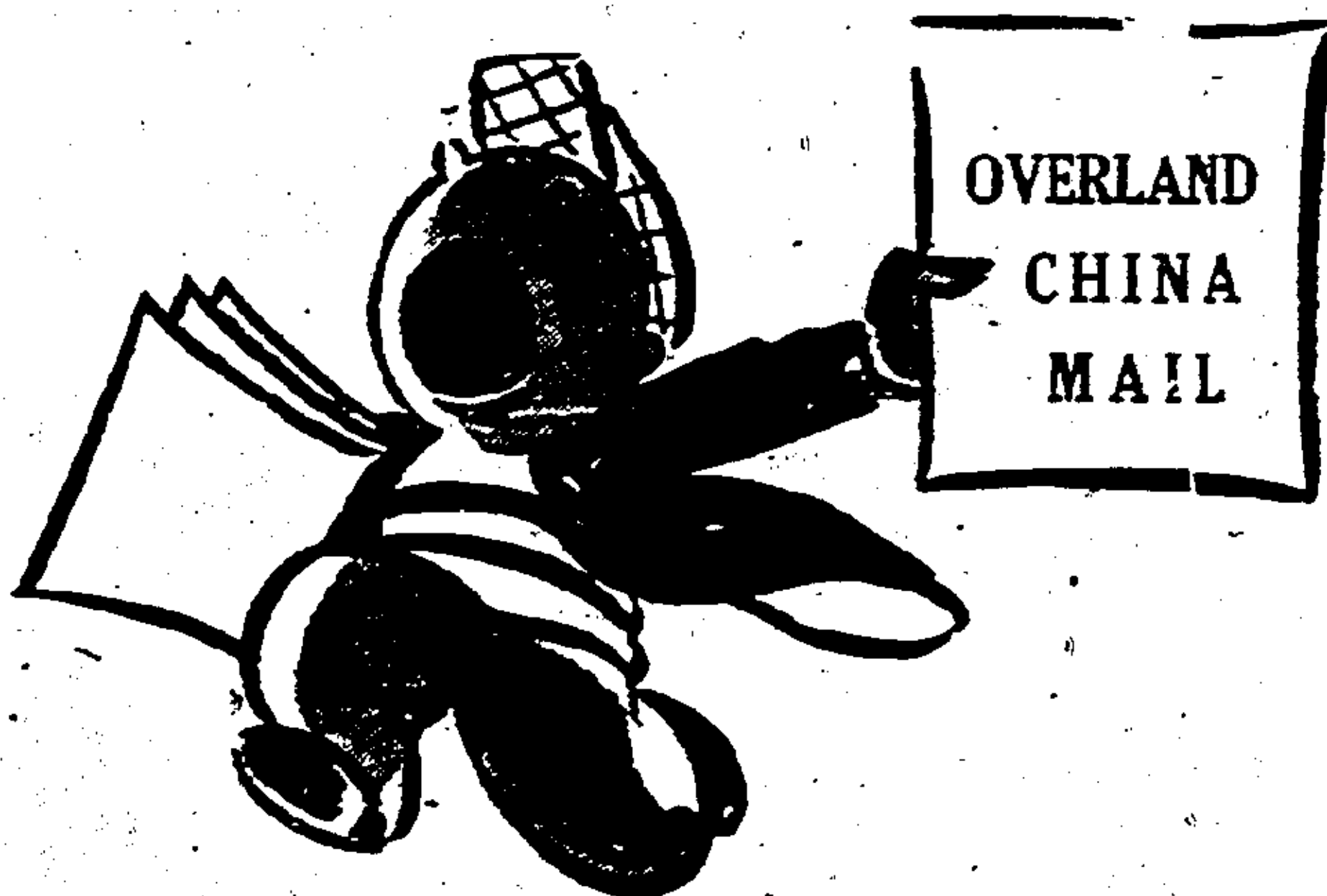
MAN JUMPS FROM FERRY

No Trace Of Body
Found

Great excitement was caused when an unknown middle-aged Chinese male committed suicide by jumping overboard from the Yau-mat Vehicular ferry Man Yung when it was on its way from Hong Kong to Kowloon at about 10.10 p.m. last night.

Two seamen dived in at once in order to attempt to rescue him but no trace of the body was found. A letter, with no signature, addressed to his father was found in the contents of a basket, which was later picked up from the water. The letter only said that he had been in the Colony for a couple of months but did not reveal any motive for his suicide.

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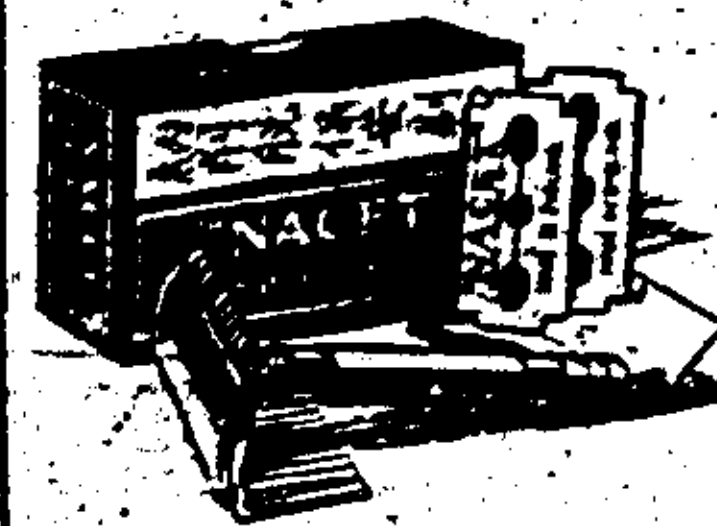
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Amusements

Cinema Notes From
The Theatres"OUR RELATIONS"—KING'S
THEATRE

Laurel and Hardy play dual roles for the first time in a feature. Naturally, they portray their twin brothers (where could doubles be found?) and it affords double the opportunities for their whimsical pantomime and fantastical action. "Our Relations," based on W. W. Jacobs' short story, "The Money Box," is rated the fastest-moving and funniest vehicle ever starred by the renowned comedians.

"Our relations" is something entirely different and more entertaining than any of the past Laurel and Hardy feature comedies. The excellent supporting cast features, besides Sidney Toler, Lonis Andre and Iris Adrian, James Finlayson, Alan Hale, Arthur Housman, Ralf Harolde and Noel Madison. The picture was directed by Harry Lachman.

"DANCING PIRATE"—
ORIENTAL THEATRE

Gay comedy, punctuated with musical surprises, premeates Pioneer Pictures' feature "Dancing Pirate," the first dancing romance ever filmed in the new 100 per cent technicolor.

The story, beginning with brief action in Boston, moves rapidly to early Spanish California and humorously reveals a phenomenon of love. Because of the emotion, one very fastidious decorous and aesthetic young Bostonian becomes a swashbuckling, hard-fighting Romeo and wins the heart of a fiery Spanish beauty.

The title role is in the hands of Charles Collins, the screen's new dancing sensation. The girl is portrayed by Steffi Duna. The comedy is personified mainly by Frank Morgan whose role as the "Alcalde" (Mayor) is said to provide him with opportunities equal to those he capitalized upon in "The Affairs of Cellini."

The cast also has Luis Alberni, Victor Varconi, Jack LaRue and Wm. V. Mong in humorous characterizations.

"VALIANT IS THE WORD FOR
CARRIE"—QUEEN'S
THEATRE

The motion picture version of Barry Benefield's best-selling novel, "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie," brings to the screen Gladys George, noted dramatic actress, supported by an elaborate cast.

Miss George has been a stage actress for many years but did not attract the attention of Hollywood until she made a new record in New York last year by appearing in 700 successive performances of "Personal Appearance." She is an actress of great charm and ability and big things are expected of her by Hollywood.

"Valiant Is The Word For Carrie" is the story of Carrie Snyder, a woman frowned upon by "respectable" residents of a small Louisiana town, and her friendship with a small boy. When the boy is forsaken by the world, she takes him, together with an orphan girl, and brings them up as her own. The years pass and Carrie becomes a highly successful operator of a dry-cleaning business. The children grow up and when it seems that all is serenity, a situation arises which leads to Carrie's arrest.

Before the trial she is faced with a dilemma. The children know nothing of her past. To go through with a trial would mean that the whole tawdry story of her former career would be paraded before them. To plead guilty and waive the trial would mean a long gaol term. But in that case the children would never know. She makes her decision in a thrilling climax.

Supporting Miss George are Arline Judge, John Howard, Isabel Jewell, Harry Carey, Dudley Digges and many others.

"MODERN TIMES"—MAJESTIC
THEATRE

Written, directed and produced by Charlie Chaplin, "Modern Times" introduces the familiar comic little figure of the tramp in the baggy trousers, derby and huge shoes into a new world. He is first seen as a worker in a big steel factory, tightening bolts on a moving track. The factory, with its fantastically huge and complicated machines, is like an evilly enchanted forest to Charlie, and he gets into all sorts of hilar-

ious difficulties here before the monotony of his work "gets" him and he goes temporarily barmy.

Thereafter, his life is a series of adventures and misadventures, in the course of which he wanders into and out of jobs (ranging from night watchman to singing waiter) and goes with an admirable impartiality, and manages along the way to play knight-errant to a lovely little gemine of the water-front. This role introduces Charlie's beautiful and gifted new leading lady, Paulette Goddard, who brings a fresh, radiant young personality to the screen.

"IF YOU COULD ONLY COOK"—
STAR THEATRE

This romantic comedy brings to the screen a new love team, Herbert Marshall and Jean Arthur. And it also marks Miss Arthur's initial appearance as a full-fledged star.

In "If You Could Only Cook," Marshall is seen as a disgusted millionaire. Not disgusted because he doesn't know what to do with his money, but because he is about to marry a girl he doesn't love and who doesn't love him. And further, because his board of directors has been annoying him. Instead of getting drunk, he goes and sits in the park.

Here he meets Miss Arthur, who is scanning the want ads for a job. She mistakes him for another unemployed member of society and invites him to go with her to answer an ad for a married couple, a butler and a maid. Marshall, on the spur of the moment, accepts, and off go the millionaire and the young lady and get the job.

They find themselves working for a big-shot racketeer; Leo Carrillo plays this role. And when both Marshall and Carrillo fall in love with Marshall's "wife," things happen. Especially when Marshall has a previous commitment to marry a society girl on a fast-approaching date.

"FOR THE SERVICE"—
ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Combining realism with magnificent natural settings and a vital thrilling story, "For the Service," is an unusually good Western.

Buck Jones gives an excellent performance as the valiant scout who rides the dangerous trail. Torn between duty to his country and pity for his captain's son, and youth unfitted for the harsh ways of the West, Buck tries to help the boy when he cringes in battle. He manages to protect him in his father's eyes.

A massacre is instigated by a desperate band of criminals and the boy is sent by his father to lead scouts to the outlaw hideout to wipe them out. How Buck saves the boy from a coward's plight and brings this crisis in the his-

BRIDGE NOTES

TRAPPED BY
GREED

By Ely Culbertson

While I do not approve of vindictiveness, holding that the fellow who tries to get even is more apt than not to "get it in the neck" himself for the second time, I must admit that when it works it affords ineffable pleasure.

In a contract game I was watching recently, the West player had infuriated his opponents and shamed his own partner by his poor sportsmanship. He observed the laws to a T, but was a consistent offender against the spirit and ethics of the game. So when he was beautifully "fixed" on the following hand every one applauded vigorously. His own greed was his undoing.

South, dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

North

S-6 5 2

H-9 4

D-A 10 9 7 5 2

C-7 3

West

S-Q 9

H-Q J 10 8 3

D-K 6 4

C-Q 10 2

East

S-K J 8 4

H-7 5 2

D-8 3

C-K 9 6 5

South

S-A 10 7 3

H-A K 6

D-Q J

C-A J 8 4

West

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RADIO: To-day's Programme

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.W., on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.45 metres (952 megacycles).

"WORLD AFFAIRS" BY SIR
FREDERICK WHITE

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H.K.T. 12.30-2.10 p.m.—European Programme.

12.30 p.m.—A Concert.

1 p.m.—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.05 p.m.—The London Theatre Orchestra.

1.35 p.m.—Radio Press, Rugby Press, Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m.—A Relay of the Rotary Club Tiffin Speech from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.

"Experiences in the Royal Navy" by Captain A. J. L. Murray, R.N., D.S.O., O.B.E.

2.10 p.m.—Close Down.

4.15 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—Alfredo Campoli and His Concert Orchestra.

Old Bohemian Town (Marsden and Kennedy).

Cara Mia (Dierker and Prisker).

Teddy Bears' Picnic (Bratton).

Romance in moonlight—Selection.

Magyar Melodies (Vilmos, arr. Piercy).

Wedding Dance Waltz (Lincke).

An Old World Garden—Selection.

"With The Classics" (arr. Sidney Crook).

queen and simultaneously played a small diamond from the dummy before West had a chance to follow suit. Thus he "innocently" gave West the opportunity to win a trick that he [West] was sure he might never get again. The lure of something for nothing was too strong—West "fell" with a loud bang! Chuckling greedily he scooped up the trick with his king, while the declarer and the breath holding spectators let out a roar of sheer delight. When the subsequent play showed West that he had traded the declarer four diamond tricks for one it would have been difficult to find a more crest-fallen bridge player in the western hemisphere. To cap his humiliation his own partner sneered: "That certainly was a clever play of yours, gobbling up that diamond trick! The trouble is, it seems to have given you indigestion!"

To-day's Question

Question: My partner and I were vulnerable against nonvulnerable opponents. North, my partner, opened the bidding with one spade, second hand bid two diamonds, and I jumped to four spades. West did five diamonds, my partner doubled, and the next hand passed. My hand was as follows: S-K 9 7 6 5 2, H-Q 8 4 3 2, D—None, C-6 2. Should I have left in the double?

Answer: No. You should bid five spades. It is true that your previous double-jump warned partner that you were long in spades, but even so, you cannot expect him to visualise such a freak as you hold.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

12.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock

Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.30 p.m.—Patricia Bonborough (Piano) and Kitty Masters (Vocal).

Piano—

"Rose Marie"—Selection.

"Four Little Rich Girls"—Selection.

Song—

When the swallows nest again.

Sweetheart, let's grow old together.

Piano—

Sweetheart, Joe, The Candy Man.

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Song—

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BIRCHING AND FLOGGING

Committee To Make Investigations

London, To-day. In conformity with the announcement made by the Home Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons before the Christmas adjournment, it is understood that a committee will shortly be appointed to enquire into birching and flogging. The value of these punishments as a deterrent will be investigated and the objections advanced by penal reformers on psychological grounds will be considered.

The type of offences for which flogging is a suitable punishment will also be reviewed. — British Wireless Service.

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General Staff Officers In Mourning

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. The Commander-in-Chief of the German Army has ordered that all officers of the General Staff, as well as of Infantry Regiment No. 67, shall wear crepe arm-bands for a period of eight days as a token of mourning for General Von Seeckt.

On the day of the funeral, the flags over all buildings of the War Department will fly at half-mast.

In a proclamation issued on the occasion of General Von Seeckt's death, the Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, General Field Marshal von Blumberg, declared, "In the darkest hour of the history of the Fatherland, General Von Seeckt took over the same task that General Scharnhorst was once called upon to assume. He was fighting — simultaneously — against the dictates of the Treaty of Versailles and internal enemies. — Trans-Ocean Service.

RARE OLD CHELSEA PORCELAIN

Set Of Apollo And The Muses

Lovers of old Chelsea porcelain had a very rare opportunity in the sale of the Humphrey Cook collection on December 4 at Sotheby's. Hitherto the authorities have believed that the only complete set of figures, 15 1/4 in high, of Apollo and the Muses was in the possession of Viscount Bearsted. This is the magnificent series of Chelsea craftsmanship which was apparently bought out of the R. M. Wood collection in 1919, when the 16 figures realised 2,500gns.

One Figure Lacking. True the set to be sold lacks one of the figures of the nine Muses, but a set of nine in all has not previously come into the art markets, although separate figures have often been sold.

Heroic sums used to be paid for old Chelsea examples. The first Earl of Dudley often gave a few thousand pounds for beautiful vases. He was the owner at one time of the garniture of seven vases decorated with classical themes which belonged successively to Lord Tweedmouth, Lord Burdon, and Viscount Astor. When this set appeared at Christie's in 1920 it fetched as much as 6,200 guineas.

HIS SMOKE-SCREEN

I smoked my pipe furiously to hide my embarrassment — said a man at Highgate Police Court last month.

KOSOLA POISONED?

Sensational Rumours Confirmed?

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Helsingfors, To-day. Sensational rumours concerning the possibility that the leader of the National Lapp movement, M. Kosola, died of poisoning, gained some substantiation when the Court chemist, upon examining the contents of M. Kosola's stomach, found traces of arsenic.

The organ of the National Lapp movement the *Ajan Suunta*, declares that an accurate solution of the case is difficult since the nurse who attended M. Kosola up to the time of his death, died herself of pneumonia, on December 22. A State investigation is progressing however, and experts are being called in to assist in further examinations. The funeral will be held next Tuesday in Lappo. — Trans-Ocean Service.

DISPLAY OF FORCE UNLIKELY

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While the Government has hitherto by "use of moral suasion" prevented the filing of applications for licences for the export of arms, the State Department emphasises that it has no authority under the Neutrality Act to refuse licences. — Reuter.

EXPORTS FORBIDDEN. Paris: The Minister of Commerce for the Basque Government in Bilbao has forbidden the exportation of all goods including transit shipments, according to reports here. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Pathetic Scene At British Embassy

Madrid: With the decision to move the British Embassy to Valencia, some 200 remaining members of the British Colony have but 24 hours to decide whether they wish to be evacuated.

That was the pathetic scene when Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes explained the position at a special meeting held at the Embassy. Many of them are British, only because they were born in Gibraltar or other nearby British territory, and unless they decide to be evacuated their lives may be endangered, when they no longer have the sanctuary of the Embassy. — Reuter.

FRENCH DECISION. Paris: The French Foreign Minister made the following announcement last evening:

"The French Government has decided to send Embassy Councilor Barbier to Valencia as Charge d'Affaires. M. Neville, who formerly occupied this post as well as that of French Consul, will remain in the city in order to look after the interests of the French nationals, to protect French property as well as assist the diplomatic corps in its humanitarian activities." — Trans-Ocean Service.

LEAGUE TO TAKE OVER. London: In connection with the transference of the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia, it is stated that the International Relief Bureau, maintained at the British Embassy in Madrid, will shortly be taken over by the League of Nations which, however, has merely asked for a report.

The private British relief organisations in Spain will, however, operate as usual and will remain in direct contact with the British Embassy.

Government Forces Claim Successes

Madrid: The Government forces claim successes in yesterday's fighting, which lasted until night-fall. It is added that they completely cleared the Coruna roads to re-establish communications with their positions in Aravaca and Pozuelo, inflicting heavy damages on the insurgents in addition to taking five of their armoured cars. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

EXCHANGE OF HOSTAGES. Paris: The negotiations over the exchange of hostages in Spain are about to be brought to a successful conclusion, according to the *Petit Gironde* which reports that the representative of the International Red Cross, Dr. Junod, has just completed visits to San Sebastian and Salamanca to conclude the agreement. It is believed, however, that only prisoners will be exchanged and not persons who have been in hiding. — Trans-Ocean Service.

WEATHER REPORT. An anti-cyclone has formed over Mongolia and Manchuria. It is strengthening and spreading southward. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, is east and north-east winds; moderate; fair.

GREETINGS OVER THE AIR

Remarkable Broadcast Arranged

London, To-day.

During the past year more than thirty broadcasts from the Empire Overseas, including the change-over of the Viceroy in India and the meeting of the Governor General of Canada and the President of the United States, were carried out by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The Empire Service has now completed its fourth year of regular working. Arrangements for 1937 include a remarkable broadcast next Sunday in the course of which 24 nations will exchange greetings over the air. The programme has been organised under the auspices of the International Broadcasting Union. — British Wireless Service.

EXPLOSION IN MILAN

HUGE DEATHROLL EXPECTED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Milan, To-day.

Many persons were killed and fifteen injured when a gas main exploded under one of the principal squares in the city on Monday afternoon. The force of the explosion was so great that the pavement of the square was torn up for a considerable section around the centre of the disturbance.

It is feared that the total death-roll will be greater than expected since the panic which followed the explosion made it impossible to ascertain the number killed, and until order is restored it will not be possible to make a correct count. The cause of the accident has not yet been verified. — Trans-Ocean Service.

QUEER SALE BARGAINS

Suitcase Of Toys And Gasmask For 30s.

Strange lots of goods abandoned by ships at the Port of London were sold at the London Commercial Sale Rooms last month.

Here are some of the bargains picked up by bidders there:

Bundle of cedar slats, electric motor horn, bale of cork shavings and two parcels of wood shavings. — 5s.

Travelling bag, suitcase of toys, play pen, case of coral, haversack gasmask, two tennis rackets in presses, and two squash rackets in presses. — 30s.

Five cases of rubber tube, weighing over 13cwt. — 5s.

Two drums of fish oil samples and a bag of cottonseed cake. — 5s.

Bale of crocodile skins. — 5s.

Case of toys and three cases of films. — 16s.

Bidding was brisk for a number of the lots. Most of the purchasers were from the East End of London.

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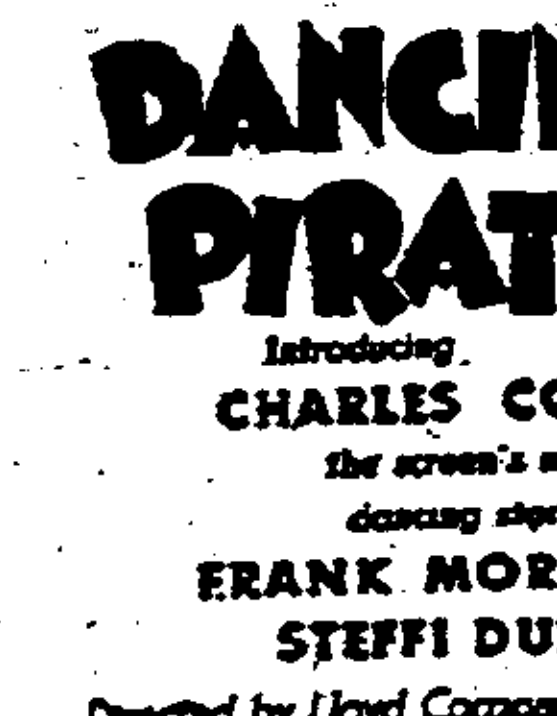
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